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Welcome to this issue of the Youth Parliamentarian - your alumni newsletter for updates about the Youth Parliament of Manitoba. In this month's issue, you will find an invitation to the **YPM100 Plaque Unveiling**, an opportunity to **be part of the ceremony**, and a monthly **alumni spotlight** featuring **Andrew Treusch**.



December, 1922: A view from inside the chamber of the 1st Session of the TUXIS Older Boy's Parliament

Unveiling the YPM100 Plaque

The Youth Parliament of Manitoba has called the Manitoba Legislative Building home since our very first Session in 1922 (pictured above). To commemorate a century of Youth Parliaments in this historic building, we are very excited to **unveil a YPM plaque in the Legislature**. The unveiling ceremony will be live streamed from the Manitoba Legislative Building due to current limitations on in-person gatherings.

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 11:30am-12:30pm CST
Livestream link to follow

Speakers: Hon. Myrna Driedger (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba), Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, Bill Blaikie, Dr. Bob Kozminski, Deborah Tsao

The unveiling ceremony formally kicks off our YPM100 year in 2021! All alumni and wider community members are welcome to attend.

Be part of the unveiling!

At the plaque unveiling ceremony, we would love to play a compiled **video of alumni greetings and testimonials**. It would be wonderful as much participation as possible, to represent the *many* people who have made the past 100 years such a success. To be part of the video, you just need to submit a brief clip of yourself with:

- Your name
- The years you attended Youth Parliament (can also include Parliamentary positions!)
- A message of your choosing -- eg. greetings and well-wishes, how Youth Parliament has impacted your life, lessons learned from Youth Parliament, a favourite memory, etc. Feel free to have fun and get creative!

Submitting a clip is very easy, and takes less than 60 seconds. All you need to do is:

1. Click on the button below ("Submit a Video!")
2. Record a video on your phone/webcam or upload a pre-recorded video.

The deadline to submit a video clip to be included in the unveiling ceremony is **Friday, October 16, 2020**.

Submit a Video!



Premier
Andrew Treusch



Left: Andrew Treusch's Premier headshot, 55th Session Cookbook (1976). Right: Andrew Treusch

Alumni Spotlight - Andrew Treusch (51st-56th Sessions)

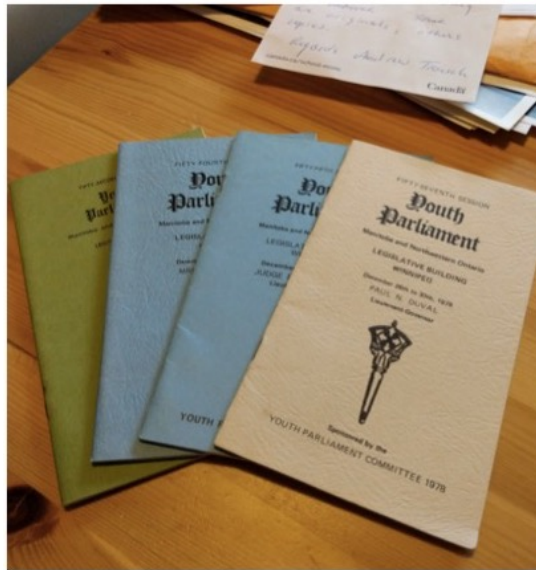
Andrew's awareness of Youth Parliament began from hearing his father, Dr. Earl J. Treusch, recount his own experience as Lieutenant Governor of the 39th Session in 1960. Andrew then joined the organization as a backbencher in 1972. He later served on the Cabinet for two years, including as the Secretary of State (a bill-presenting Minister) in the 53rd Session. He was elected to the Executive in the 54th Session, and served as the Premier of the 55th Session. He has many fond memories of Youth Parliament, including the backbenchers revolting to take over the Cabinet positions on the final day of Session, and debate in the Legislative chamber. He recalls, "*When you're 16 years old and sitting in the chair of an elected representative, it gives you a very visceral sense of what it means to be an elected official - much more so than any other debating group*".

After graduating from the University of Manitoba, Andrew moved to Ottawa in 1979 to begin a distinguished career as a public servant. He held numerous senior government positions, including as the Associate Deputy Minister of Environment Canada in 2008. In 2012, he was named the Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer of the Canada Revenue Agency. He retired from public service in 2016, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of HealthPartners.

In recognition of his notable career in politics, and of his long service to the organization, YPM appointed Andrew Treusch as the Lieutenant Governor of the 88th Session in 2009. That year, his son also attended as a member, marking his family's third generation in the YPM community.

Do you know Andrew? You can find him on Twitter (@AndrewTreusch). Please reach out if you, or any other alumni you know, like to be featured in next month's Alumni Spotlight!

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Left: Sessional Cookbooks (52nd, 54th, 55th, 57th) provided by Andrew Treusch. Right: Ministry of Alumni Affairs (Vaibhav Varma and Gabriel Young) studying YPM history at the Manitoba Archives.

Stay involved!

We would love to keep you involved in the community! Here are three ways:

1. **Share your YPM experience.** We are writing a YPM history book in commemoration of the 100th anniversary! Alumni stories are *invaluable* in helping us construct and contextualize the organization's past. If you would like to share, please fill out the google form ("Share your YPM Experience") below, or email speaker@ypmanitoba.ca to set up a video interview.
2. **Become a mentor.** Mentorship is one of the most valuable experiences a young person can receive. YPM is privileged to have such a diverse and illustrious alumni network, encompassing hundreds of different career paths and life experiences. If you are interested in being paired with a current YPM member to mentor, let us know what you're up to now and you may be connected!
3. **Stay connected.** Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). Like our page on [Facebook](#)! If you are receiving this email, you are on the Youth Parliamentarian email list. However, if you know someone who is an alum of YPM but *isn't* receiving these emails, please encourage them to join the mailing list!

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Cheers,

Deborah Tsao
Speaker, 99th Session of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba

