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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 a recent article from the Winnipeg Foundation about our Endowment Fund, a monthly **alumni spotlight** featuring **Matt Bolley**, and information about **how you can stay involved**.



L-R: Michelle Bergen (Senior Financial Analyst, The Winnipeg Foundation); Deborah Tsao (Premier 98th Session); Abigail Theano-Pudwill (Deputy Premier, 98th Session); Rachel Forbes (Accountant, The Winnipeg Foundation)

“We want to make sure Youth Parliament is accessible, stable, and long-lasting”

At the end of 2019, YPM sat down with **The Winnipeg Foundation** to discuss our organizational goals, Endowment Fund, and upcoming 100th anniversary. You can [read our conversation here](#), or by clicking on the photo above.

Since 2006, YPM has held an Endowment Fund at The Winnipeg Foundation. For our 100th anniversary, we have set a goal to increase the value of the Fund to **\$100,000** (we currently have just over \$50,000). This will **secure the financial future of YPM Inc.**, broaden our **financial aid** program, and dramatically improve our **outreach** to underrepresented communities.

Over the past century YPM has served thousands of Manitoban youth, providing education, professional development, and friendship. *Help us continue this progress for the years to come.*

[Donate to the Endowment Fund](#)



Left: Opening ceremonies from the 2009 Spring Session. Right: Matt Bolley (CPA, CA)

Alumni Spotlight - Matt Bolley (82nd-87th Session)

Mr. Matt Bolley (CPA, CA) attended YPM from 2003 to 2009, serving on the Executive as the House Leader in the 86th Session, and the Deputy Speaker in the 87th Session. He was inducted into the YPM Senate in the 88th Session. Based in Brandon, MB, Matt completed a biweekly four-hour round-trip commute to attend Cabinet and Executive meetings in Winnipeg. In his time in YPM, Matt worked hard to increase the organization's rural outreach. These efforts culminated in the **2009 and 2010 Spring Sessions held in Brandon**, for which he served as the Premier and Lieutenant Governor, respectively. As House Leader, he also established the **Committee process for amending legislation** - a process which remains an integral part of Session to this day.

Mr. Bolley lives in Brandon, where he is currently a Principal Partner and tax specialist at MNP LLP. He credits YPM with fostering a life-long interest in politics and legislation. His advice to members: "Young people can do whatever they want if they put their minds to it".

Do you know Matt? Email speaker@ypmanitoba.ca or reply to this email to get his contact information. Please reach out if you, or any other alumni you know, would like to be featured in next month's Alumni Spotlight!



Stay involved!

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

1. **Share your YPM experience.** Over the past year, I've started looking into YPM's history and began asking tons of questions about how the we have changed over the last 99 years. Please share your own YPM experience and help us piece together a comprehensive history of this great organization.
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

