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We are just one month away from YPM's historic 100th Session! As the time draws nearer, we have a *very exciting update to share* - after working with the Legislature, we can announce that Session will be held **in-person**, with sittings occurring in the Manitoba Legislative Building! More details below. In this newsletter, you will also find a reminder to purchase tickets for the **YPM100 gala dinner**, and a brief bio of our **Lieutenant Governor this year, Hon. Murray Sinclair**.

Buy your tickets for the YPM100 gala dinner!



Many alumni have already purchased their tickets! If you haven't yet, tickets are still on sale for the YPM100 gala dinner! This evening of celebration and reunion will take place on December 26, at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre. Reminisce about old memories over cocktails and dinner, and meet our current members - the future of YPM.

At the gala, we will also **unveil the YPM100 commemorative plaque**, which will later be installed at the Manitoba Legislative Building. We will also hear remarks from the Hon. Murray Sinclair, YPM's 100th Lieutenant Governor.

Everyone is welcome to attend, so please feel free to bring family members, plus-ones, or anyone you think might want to join our celebration

See our [Eventbrite link](#) below for more information and to purchase your tickets. Please help us simplify our planning by **purchasing your tickets before December 12!** If you do make a last-minute decision to attend, ticket sales will stay open until December 21.

This is an indoor, in-person event. All attendees at the gala must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and be masked outside of dinner service. If the event is postponed due to changing public health orders, you will have the option for a full refund of your ticket.

[Get your gala tickets!](#)



YPM100 Alumni Merchandise!

We have also launched our online store for [limited-edition YPM100 merchandise](#). Choose from a selection of fountain pens, whisky glasses, ceramic mugs, quarter-zip sweaters, or stickers! These items are a wonderful way to commemorate your involvement in YPM, and this historic anniversary. If delivering to Winnipeg, please select "Local Delivery" for cheaper shipping at checkout.

[YPM100 Merchandise!](#)

Session to be held in-person!

After nearly two years of uncertainty, last-minute changes, and a virtual 99th Session, we are elated to announce that the 100th Session will be held in-person, with sittings occurring in the chamber of the Manitoba Legislative Building. While this news is exciting, we still do operate in a world where the COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and Session has still been modified accordingly. The capacity of the chamber is reduced, so members will sit in the chamber or join from a virtual location, on a rotating basis. As the building remains closed to the public, we will unfortunately not be able to invite alumni to join us at the Legislature. To celebrate YPM with us in-person, I recommend attending the YPM100 gala dinner! As with last year, we will still have ways for alumni and community members to join us virtually - stay tuned for more details in December.

YPM's 100th Lieutenant Governor: Hon. Murray Sinclair



For such a momentous Session, we are incredibly honoured to have the Hon. Murray Sinclair serve as our Lieutenant Governor.

Born in Selkirk, Manitoba, Sinclair graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba in 1979, before being called to the Manitoba Bar in 1980. His legal career focused on Human Rights law, Aboriginal Law, and civil and criminal litigation, serving as legal counsel for the First Nations of Manitoba and the Manitoba Human Rights Commission. In 1988, he was appointed as the Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba, becoming Manitoba's first, and Canada's second, Indigenous judge.

In 2009, he was appointed as the Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, overseeing the publication of a final report in 2015 which documented the history of residential schools in Canada, and contained 94 Calls to Action for all parts of Canadian society to commit to reconciliation.

In 2016, Sinclair was appointed as a Senator from Manitoba, becoming Canada's 16th Indigenous senator. While in the Senate, he helped found the Independent Senators group and sat on Senate Standing Committees on Aboriginal/Indigenous Peoples, Fisheries and Oceans, Legal and Constitutional issues, Rules, and Ethics and Conflicts of Interest. He retired from the Senate in January of this year, and currently works as a writer and as a mentor for the largest Indigenous law firm in Manitoba, Cochrane Saxberg LLP.

In addition to his regular duties as our Lieutenant Governor during Session, Murray Sinclair will also deliver remarks at our YPM100 gala. We feel incredibly excited to welcome him to the YPM community!

Cheers,

Deborah Tsao
Speaker, 100th Session of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba

