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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 information about the **YPM100 Plaque Unveiling**, some updates about **YPM and COVID-19**, and a monthly **alumni spotlight** featuring **Kady Evanyshyn**.

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THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT
OF MANITOBA INC.
PROUDLY PRESENTS THE

YPM 100 Plaque Unveiling Ceremony

Oct. 27, 2020 | 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Streamed live from the Manitoba
Legislative Building

Image Description: Flyer for the YPM 100 Plaque Unveiling Ceremony.
October 27, 2020 from 11:30-12:30pm.

Unveiling the YPM100 Plaque

The Youth Parliament of Manitoba has called the Manitoba Legislative Building home since our very first Session in 1922. To commemorate this exceptional relationship, 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

[Link: https://youtu.be/SNepMmgwJlI](https://youtu.be/SNepMmgwJlI)

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.



Image description: Members and pages line up in the Legislative Chamber during the 98th Winter Session (December, 2019)

YPM and COVID-19

As the months pass, the Manitoban COVID landscape in December of this year becomes clearer. In consultation with public health authorities and the Manitoba Legislative Building, the Youth Parliament of Manitoba Inc. is announcing the following changes to our operations.

- Speaker's Night, our annual fundraising gala dinner, will not occur this year.
- Currently, limits on indoor gatherings in Manitoba would *still allow* YPM to hold an in-person Winter Session (albeit with limited attendance).
- If Session does occur in-person, we will enforce mandatory mask-wearing, social distancing, and frequent sanitation practices.
- Winter Session will not take place in the Manitoba Legislative Building. We are currently exploring alternative venues that will allow for greater social distancing.
- Winter Session will not have an overnight component. Members will return to their homes to sleep, and members from outside of Winnipeg will have the option to be billeted by current members or stay in a hotel room, depending on the numbers.
- If indoor gathering sizes become more restricted in December and YPM is not able to hold Winter Session in-person, we will explore alternative such as postponing the event or holding a virtual Session.



Left: The 94th Winter Session (2015). Right: Kady Evanyshyn

Alumni Spotlight - Kady Evanyshyn (90th to 94th Session)

Kady began in Youth Parliament as a page, before joining as a backbencher in 2011. She served four years on Cabinet - as the Female Whip in the 91st Session, the Minister of Heritage in the 92nd Session, the Minister of Supply and Service in the 93rd Session, and the Minister of Revenue in the 94th Session. As the Minister of Revenue, she presented a legislation to enact reforms and increase accountability in policing.

In 2013, Kady moved to New York City to study opera at The Juilliard School. After receiving her Bachelor's and Master's of Music from Juilliard, she moved to Hamburg, Germany in 2019 to join the Hamburg Staatsoper's International Opera Studio. There, she recently appeared in productions of *Madama Butterfly*, *Die Zauberflöte*, and *Hänsel und Gretel*. In January 2020, she made her Carnegie Hall debut in the Weill Institute Song Studio with Renée Fleming. She particularly loves contemporary music, and has performed in the world premieres of several works.

On YPM's role in her life, she notes that "knowing I had a community that I could rely on" helped to "bridge the gap" during points of professional and personal transition.

You can find [video and audio of Kady's singing here](#). Please reach out if you, or any other alumni you know, like to be featured in next month's Alumni Spotlight!

Support YPM



Times have changed: Members enjoying the opening banquet of the 98th Winter Session at the Best Western Hotel (December, 2019)

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

