

2021 Year-in-Review



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Executive Summary

2021 was a special year for the Youth Parliament of Manitoba (YPM), marking our 100th anniversary. While our plans to commemorate this milestone were not able to play out as we expected due to COVID-19, the year in fact represented what our plans for the 100th anniversary fundamentally intended to celebrate: the resilience behind the organization that has allowed it to continue existing year after year, in the face of surprises and challenges.

Fundraising for the capital campaign, a drive to raise \$100,000 for our endowment fund, maintained the momentum gained in 2020. When the capital campaign was launched at our 2019 Speaker's Night, the endowment fund contained just under \$50,000. Having raised nearly \$43,000 in 2021, YPM ended the year well over the goal at over \$126,000 in the endowment fund, with the annual capitalization to go almost exclusively towards financial aid for Session participants.

The YPM100 history book project, spearheaded by Deborah Tsao, was also successfully concluded. A combination of historical accounts, personal anecdotes, and photographs derived from archival research and alumni interviews, *The Voices of our Future: The 100-Year History of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba* was published in December. We also virtually unveiled our plaque in the presence of alumni, to be permanently installed in the Manitoba Legislative Building.

For the second year in a row, YPM held our Session online. Members partook in lively debate on legislation on issues ranging from video game regulation to Canadian disarmament to telecommunications nationalization. The House also debated two Private Member's Bills on immigration accreditation and election reform.

Our Lieutenant Governor this year was Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's Chief Provincial Public Health Officer. Jerry Storie, former MLA for Flin Flon (1981–1994) and retired teacher and superintendent, served as our Honorary President for his fifth and final year. Clayton Sandy served as our Traditional Knowledge Keeper for a third year, offering teachings at the beginning and end of Session.

Therefore, while we could not celebrate the accomplishments of the year – and indeed, of the past 99 years – in person, the initiatives themselves are no less meaningful in their long-term impact. At the end of the day, YPM100 was simply another year in the books, and its successes only aim to ensure one thing: that there are many more “year in the books” to come as we move into the next century.

2021 Fiscal Year Financials

See actuals attached at the end of this report.

The 2021 fiscal year ran a deficit of \$2,056.37. This was expected due to larger projects such as the YPM100 history book, preparations for the 100th Anniversary Gala, and the purchasing of new merchandise to be sold over the next year, which YPM was able to absorb through our savings.

Our budgeted revenues and expenses were lower than projected due to two factors: holding Session online and the postponement of the Gala. Normally, YPM earns revenue primarily through registration fees (\$140–150) and selling merchandise. However, since Session was moved online this year, we reduced the registration fee to \$50. Despite the reduced registration fee, the lower revenue was balanced by lower expenses since YPM consequently did not have to pay for a physical venue, transportation, food, printing, and other costs associated with an in-person Session.

In addition, due to not being able to hold Session and gala in person, our ability to sell both the book and merchandise was hindered, resulting in thousands of dollars in potential revenue yet to be realized. One focus of the upcoming year will be to sell all inventory already purchased, which is projected to offer our budget a large bottom-line surplus.

Fundraising this year was an astounding success. Having raised nearly \$43,000 (\$16,000 over expected donations), the value of our endowment fund with the Winnipeg Foundation was brought well past our \$100,000 goal to a total of \$126,000.

With a tripled endowment fund and more potential revenue sources such as the selling of our book/merchandise, YPM will be able to expand its financial aid programs in the coming years. We will be able to do this while continuing to support our regular operations from a stable financial base.

Financial Aid

2021 was a defining year for YPM's financial aid programs. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, YPM will be able to fund the majority of our financial aid programs with the entirety of the endowment fund's annual capitalization starting in 2022.

This year, YPM launched a new financial aid program: the Newcomer Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to one recipient. The Scholarship covers the registration fee for Session, as well as provides a stipend for formal wear and food costs. One member received the Scholarship this year. Moving forward, YPM will work with partner agencies in Manitoba to continue recruiting newcomer youth for the Scholarship.

YPM also administers the Garry McLean Scholarship Fund (GMSF), which supports up to 10 Indigenous youth from across Manitoba to attend Session at no cost. Due to Session moving online and restrictions against travel, the GMSF was not dispensed in its entirety as most of the costs the Scholarship helps cover were not applicable. In total, one member received the Garry McLean Scholarship this year.

This year, we also implemented an initiative to annually seek feedback from previous recipients of the Garry McLean Scholarship to measure the GMSF's impact as well as identify ways it can be improved. With the help of our Traditional Knowledge Keeper Clayton Sandy, we have also been able to expand our network of potential applicants for the GMSF. Provided an in-person Session is possible in 2022, we will aim to dispense the GMSF in its entirety next year.

Finally, beyond the two scholarships discussed above, YPM offers general financial aid according to our mandate to not deny anyone who wishes to participate in Session due to financial barriers. This year, we provided general financial aid to 10 applicants, which covered registration costs.

In alignment with our mission to engage all youth in politics, YPM is constantly striving to improve the accessibility of our programming – especially for Manitobans who belong to groups that have been traditionally marginalized, are underrepresented in legislative bodies, and have been negatively affected by discriminatory lawmaking. Our financial aid programs are one of the ways we try to promote equity, and we are excited to see them grow in coming years.

Events

As with last year, YPM conducted most of our programming online this year.

In May, we held our Annual General Meeting. Members heard a State of the Corporation address, a year-in-review presentation, and a report on the 2020 and 2021 budgets. We also passed amendments to the organization's governing documents. Later in the month, we also held a By-Election Meeting to fill a vacant position on the board. Josephine Zhao was elected House Leader, and Alexa Mucyo Kayonga was elected Deputy Premier.

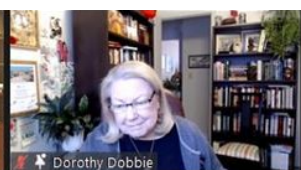
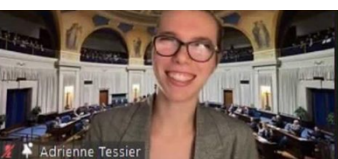
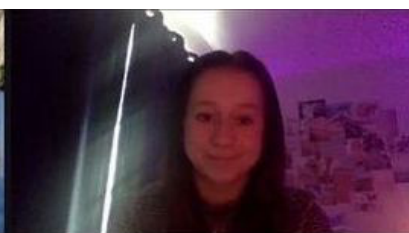
In July, we were able to hold an in-person Cabinet Retreat. Instead of the usual excursion to Rock Lake due to COVID-19 restrictions, we spent two days at Assiniboine and Kildonan Park. Cabinet members partook in a variety of team-bonding activities such as Capture the Flag, a trivia competition, team skits, and a scavenger hunt.

12 current and former YPM members also participated in the inaugural Canada Youth Parliament hosted virtually by the British Columbia Youth Parliament in July, joining fellow youth parliamentarians from Alberta, B.C., Ontario, and Yukon.

YPM hosted a record number of workshops and forums this year, all spearheaded by Cabinet members. In April, we invited Elections Canada to facilitate a public session on civic action. In June, we hosted a Youth in Politics Q&A event featuring representatives from the youth wings of the Manitoba Conservatives, Greens, Liberals, and New Democrats. In July, we held a town hall on the future of sustainability and climate change with Minister Dan Vandal (MP) and Minister Sarah Guillemard (MLA). In November, we hosted a Women in Manitoba Politics Q&A with three MLAs: Minister Rochelle Squires, Cindy Lamoureux, and Nahanni Fontaine.

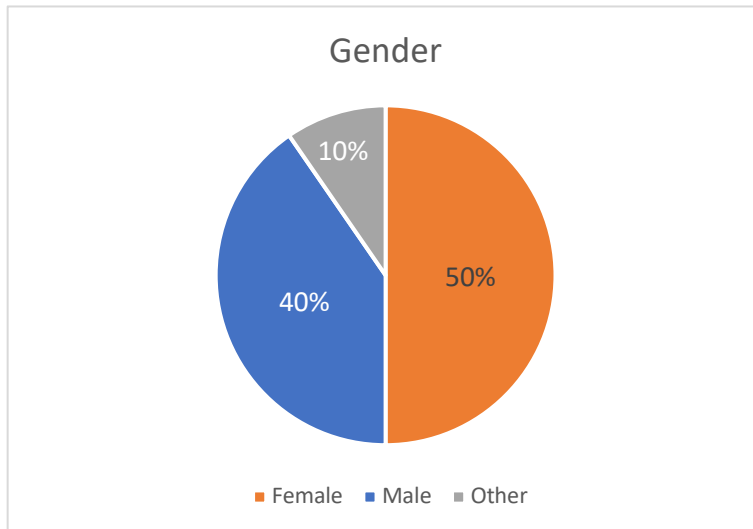
Leading up to Session, our Ministry of External Affairs organized an information session for members to ask questions and get acquainted with each other prior to Session. The year culminated in, of course, the 100th Session – marking 100 consecutive years of YPM holding an annual session. A total of 53 members attended the event, which was held between December 26–30. While the 100th Anniversary Gala scheduled for the evening of the first day could not happen, dozens of alumni across generations instead gathered on Zoom for a “virtual” gala, where memories were shared, the YPM100 history book was presented, and YPM's commemorative plaque was unveiled.

Overall, it is safe to say that 2021 was far from uneventful for YPM. On the contrary, we found more ways than ever to engage with our community – from coast to coast.

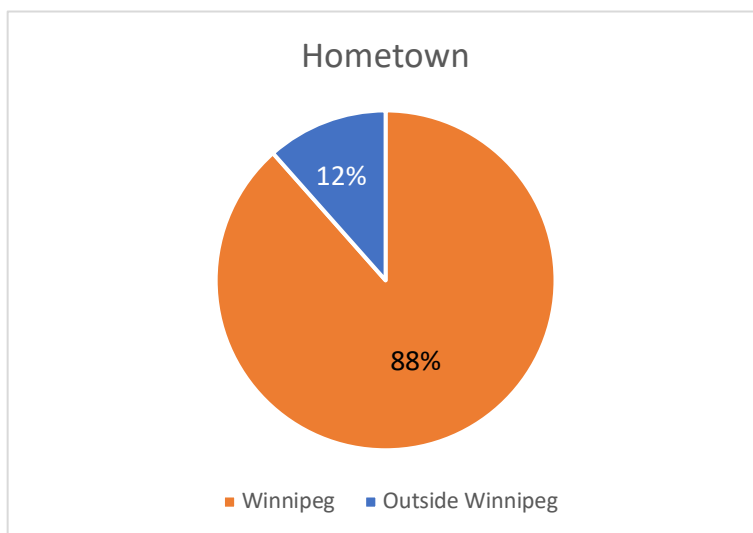


The 100th Session

Attendee Information¹



Gender	
Female	26
Male	21
Other ²	5

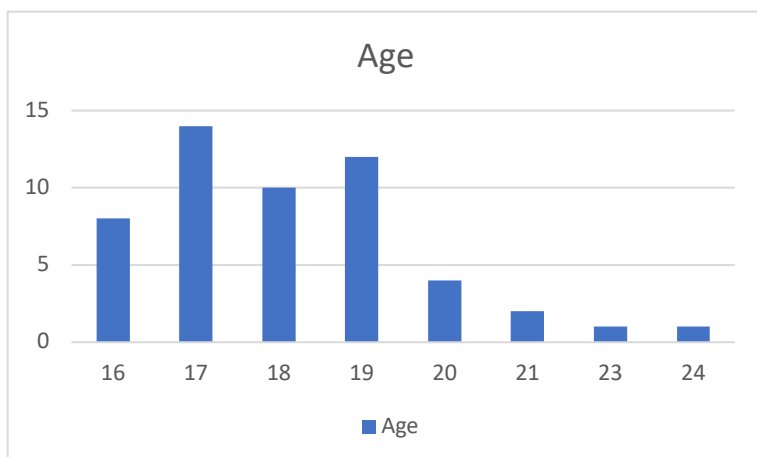


Hometown	
Winnipeg	46
Outside Winnipeg ³	6

¹ Demographic information available for 52/53 members.

² Includes members who identified as non-binary, agender, and genderfluid.

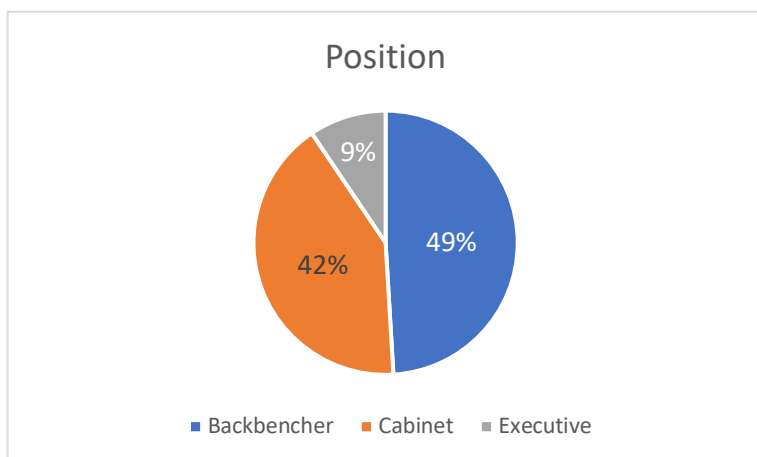
³ Includes members from East St Paul, Headingley, Richer, Steinbach, and Stonewall.



Age ⁴	
16	8
17	14
18	10
19	12
20	4
21	2
23	1
24	1



Indigenous Membership	
Indigenous ⁵	6
Non-Indigenous	46



Position	
Backbencher	26
Cabinet	22
Executive	5

⁴ Members over 20 years of age are on the Executive.

⁵ Includes members who identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit.

Backbencher Feedback

At the end of Winter Session, we distributed a survey to backbenchers (members not on our organizing committee, most of whom are first-year participants). The response rate was 12/26 (46%). The average is reported on a scale of 1–10 (poor–excellent).

- In general, how did you feel about the 100th Session? **9.25**
 - How did you feel about the quality and variety of legislation debated at Session? **8.33**
 - How did you feel about the moderation and quality of debate at Session (being recognized when you wanted to speak, feeling engaged, hearing thought-provoking ideas)? **8.83**
 - How did you feel about the political party luncheons (PC, NDP, Liberal) and the Q&A period? **8.25**
 - How did you feel about the Bear Pit with former MLAs? **8.42**
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Cabinet Feedback

As with the backbencher survey, we distributed a survey to Cabinet members about their experience on the team. The response rate was 9/22 (41%). The average is reported on a scale of 1–10 (poor–excellent).

- Overall, how much did you enjoy your experience on Cabinet this year? **7.89**
- How well prepared did you feel to complete your tasks, and how well did you understand the tasks that you needed to complete? **7.00**
- How comfortable did you feel as being a leader to backbenchers at Session? **8.89**
- Overall, how cohesive and friendly did Cabinet seem to you this year? **7.67**

Youth Parliament of Manitoba
Actuals - Feb. 1, 2021 to Jan. 31, 2022

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
1100	Session - Registration Fees	\$ 3,525.81
1105	Session - Partnerships	\$ -
1110	Session - Merchandise Revenue	\$ 1,072.18
1115	Session - Canteen Revenue	\$ -
1120	Session - Page Ticket Revenue	\$ -
	Total Session Revenue	\$ 4,597.99
1200	Speaker's Night Revenue	\$ -
1205	Community Events Revenue	\$ 4,280.73
1210	Special Projects Revenue	\$ 571.60
	Total Speaker's Night/Events Revenue	\$ 4,852.33
1300	Fundraising - Direct Mail Campaign	\$ 4,789.68
1305	Fundraising - Donations	\$ -
1310	Fundraising - Gifts in Kind	\$ -
1315	Fundraising - Bus Grant	\$ -
1320	Fundraising - Special Projects	\$ 46.95
1325	GST Rebate	\$ -
	Total Fundraising Revenue	\$ 4,836.63
1400	Endowment - Direct Mail Campaign	\$ 43,009.42
1405	Endowment - Donations	\$ -
1410	Endowment - Investment Income	\$ -
1415	Endowment - Membership Levy	\$ -
	Total Endowment Fund Revenue	\$ 43,009.42
1500	GMSF - Direct Mail Campaign	\$ -
1505	GMSF - Donations	\$ 289.56
1510	GMSF - Gifts in Kind	\$ -
	Total GMSF Revenue	\$ 289.56
	Total Revenue	\$ 57,585.93

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Account No.	Account Name	Amount
2100	Session - Food Expenses	\$ 413.64
2105	Session - Dietary Needs	\$ -
2110	Session - Opening Banquet	\$ -
2115	Session - Mega Feast	\$ -
2120	Session - Takeover Lunch	\$ -
2125	Session - Merchandise	\$ 2,917.89
2130	Session - Canteen	\$ -
2135	Session - Honour Guard	\$ -
2140	Session - Pipers	\$ -
2145	Session - Pages	\$ -
2150	Session - Traditional Knowledge Keeper	\$ -
2155	Session - Welcome Packages	\$ -
2160	Session - Name Tags	\$ -
2165	Session - Accommodations	\$ 111.90
2170	Session - Transportation	\$ -
2175	Session - Publications	\$ -
2180	Session - Photography	\$ -
2185	Session - Gifts	\$ -
2190	Session - Advertising Costs	\$ -
2195	Session - Recruitment Costs	\$ -
2200	Session - Cabinet Rebate	\$ -
2205	Session - Administration Fees	\$ 410.00
2210	Session - Eventbrite Fees	\$ 331.38
2215	Session - Refunds	\$ 1,900.00
2220	Session - Bear Pit	\$ -
2225	Session - Gifts	\$ -
2230	Session - Advertising Costs	\$ -
	Total Session Expenses	\$ (6,084.81)
2300	Speaker's Night - Meals	\$ -
2305	Speaker's Night - Accommodations	\$ -
2310	Speaker's Night - Flight	\$ -
2315	Speaker's Night - Printing	\$ -
2320	Speaker's Night - Postage	\$ -
2325	Speaker's Night - Gifts	\$ -
2330	Speaker's Night - Complementary	\$ -
2335	Speaker's Night - Eventbrite Fees	\$ -
2340	Speaker's Night - Refunds	\$ -
2345	Community Events	\$ 904.66
	Total Speaker's Night/Events Expenses	\$ (904.66)

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Account No.	Account Name	Amount
2400	Fundraising Projects	\$ 211.74
2405	Donor Appreciation	\$ -
	Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ (211.74)
2500	Endowment Fund	\$ 43,009.42
	Total Endowment Fund Expenses	\$ (43,009.42)
2600	GMSF - Food	\$ -
2605	GMSF - Clothes	\$ 500.00
2610	GMSF - Travel	\$ -
2615	GMSF - Recruitment Costs	\$ -
2620	GMSF - Registration	\$ -
2625	GMSF - Discretionary	\$ -
	Total GMSF Expenses	\$ (500.00)
2700	Office Supplies	\$ 125.84
2705	Printing	\$ 172.68
2710	Corporation Fee	\$ 40.00
2715	PO Box	\$ 208.95
2720	Postage	\$ 33.09
2725	Website	\$ 12.06
2730	Insurance	\$ -
2735	Bank Charges	\$ -
2740	Discretionary	\$ 465.33
2745	Special Projects	\$ 6,020.45
2750	AGM	\$ -
2755	Executive Retreat	\$ 732.75
2760	Cabinet Retreat	\$ 233.00
2765	Cabinet Appreciation	\$ 16.77
2770	Backbencher Appreciation	\$ -
2775	AFMMLA Luncheons	\$ -
	Total General/Admin. Expenses	\$ (8,060.92)
2800	CYP	\$ 870.75
	Total CYP Expenses	\$ (870.75)
	Total Expenses	\$ (59,642.30)
	Net Income	\$ (2,056.37)