



THE YOUTH PARLIAMENTARIAN



A Newsletter for alumni and community members

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Welcome to this issue of the Youth Parliamentarian, the newsletter of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba. In this issue, you will find the **schedule for the 101st Session**, information about this year's alumni **Dino Dinner**, and an introduction to **this year's dignitaries**.

Visit us at Session!



YPM101 makes its long-awaited return to the Manitoba Legislature this year! Between **December 26 to 30**, we invite all in Winnipeg to drop by and see this year's members debate five bills:

- The Cashless Society Act
- The Gender Delegalization Act
- The Intercity Transit Act
- The Safe Sex Work Act
- The Condensed Workweek Act

Click the button below to see the full schedule with sitting times.

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Join alumni for the annual Dino Dinner!

Each year, YPM alumni gather for dinner on the last day of Session to catch up, reminisce about old times, and meet other members of the YPM community. With the return of Session to the Legislature, below are the details on this year's in-person Dino Dinner:

When: December 30, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Elephant & Castle, [350 St Mary Ave, Winnipeg, MB](#)

Who: All alumni of YPM who can make it, recent and less-recent alike!

The YPM102 Executive Election is scheduled to begin at 7:40 p.m. for those interested in coming back to the Legislature to observe.

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



We are honoured to introduce our Lieutenant Governor for the 101st Session, **the Honourable Murray Sinclair**, who is carrying over his role from the 100th Session.

Each year, the board of directors invites a distinguished member of the community to act as the Lieutenant Governor (LG). The LG officially opens and prorogues the session, reads the Speech from the Throne, and makes a brief presentation to the membership.

The Hon. Murray Sinclair is Anishinaabe and a member of the Peguis First Nation. He is a Fourth Degree Chief of the Midewiwin Society, a traditional healing and spiritual society of the Anishinaabe Nation responsible for protecting the teachings, ceremonies, laws, and history of the Anishinaabe.

His Honour graduated from law school in 1979. He has been involved with the justice system in Manitoba for over 40 years, first as a lawyer representing Indigenous clients, as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Robson Hall, as Associate

Chief Judge of Manitoba's Provincial Court, and as a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench. He was Manitoba's first, and Canada's second, Indigenous judge.

He served as Co-Chair of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba and as Chief Commissioner of Canada's Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). As head of the TRC, he participated in hundreds of hearings across Canada, culminating in the TRC's widely influential report in 2015.

He retired from the Bench in January 2016, and was appointed to the Senate on April 2, 2016. He retired from the Senate effective January 31, 2021, to return to the practice of law and to mentor young lawyers.

His Honour continues to maintain an active public speaking schedule and was named the 15th Chancellor of Queen's University in July 2021. He is currently writing his memoirs.

YPM's new Honorary President: Alan Campbell



The Honorary President (HP) is a prominent citizen of Manitoba who serves as an advisor for the organization. At Session, they attend the opening and closing ceremonies.

For the past five years, our HP has been Jerry Storie (former MLA for Flin Flon, educator). We are extremely thankful to Jerry for his many contributions to YPM, especially in regard to our annual Bear Pit and school recruitment, and we are delighted to announce that fellow educator **Alan Campbell** (80th–84th Sessions) will be taking over the role.

Alan is a proud alumnus of YPM, serving as a backbencher in his first two sessions, as Whip, then finally as Minister of Education, Citizenship & Youth. He was appointed to the Senate during the 87th Winter Session in 2008.

With a degree in Political Studies from the University of Manitoba, Alan has remained politically active since middle school through a variety of avenues in all

levels of elected government. First elected to the Board of Trustees of the Interlake School Division (ISD) in 2010, Alan recently started his fourth term on the ISD board, having served as Chair of the Board for most of the last 12 years.

Recognizing the value in networking and sharing best practices on governance and advocacy with colleagues from across the province, Alan was first elected as a Regional Director for the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) in 2015, Vice President in 2016, and eventually President in 2018. Alan's work as an advocate for local democracy in public education has recently taken on a national focus with his election as President of the Canadian School Boards Association in July 2022.

Alan and his wife Alycia are raising their two daughters, Lucy and Maggie, a few blocks from where epic Cabinet Retreats were held in Stonewall in the 83rd and 84th Sessions. Both as a parent of potential future members and as a school board trustee, Alan recognizes the value that YPM offers as a strong and vibrant youth organization in our province.

Get in touch

If you have any comments about this newsletter or simply want to connect, feel free to reply to this email. YPM is always happy to hear from our alumni, supporters, and friends in the community!

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