



THE YOUTH PARLIAMENTARIAN

A Newsletter for alumni and community members

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Welcome to this issue of the Youth Parliamentarian – your monthly newsletter for updates about the Youth Parliament of Manitoba. In this issue, you will find a link to our **Year-In-Review Report**, an **introduction to this year's Executives**, and information about **how you can stay involved**. Thank you for staying engaged with this special community. YPM has a rich legacy, due largely to our incredible alumni base. We hope to continue building this community for the years to come.

Read our Year-In-Review report

Starting in 2018, YPM began to write annual Year-in-Review reports, and we have recently begun to post them for the public. These reports contain a summary of YPM's operations and events, feedback we received from Backbenchers and Cabinet, and full financial statements from the previous fiscal year. They will serve as an opportunity for transparency and as a source of institutional knowledge for the years to come.

2022 Year-In-Review Highlights:

- After having to postpone our 100th Anniversary Gala in 2021, we were pleased to be able to hold it in May at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre; marking the end of our successful Capital Campaign. The night was filled with speeches, a live band, and a delicious dinner, all of which served to recognize the remarkable achievements of the organization and its members over the past century.

- Our Lieutenant Governor this year was The Honourable Murray Sinclair. Alan Campbell, alumnus and President of the Manitoba and Canada School Board Associations, served as our Honorary President. Geraldine Shingoose served as our Traditional Knowledge Keeper, offering valuable teachings at the beginning and end of Session.
- Session Testimonial: **“I felt like my voice and thoughts were being heard by everyone.** I still have the Page notes sent to me after the speech as a memoir. I feel like inaugural speeches made it easier for everyone to feel like they belonged at YPM.”

You can read the [2022 Year-in-Review here](#), and find additional reports at [our website](#).

Meet the 102nd Executive!



The Executive of the 102nd Session. From L–R: Jacob Harvey, Josephine Zhao, Charlize Medina, Xiao Zhang, Alexa Mucyo Kayonga.

As is tradition, YPM held its Election Meeting on the last day of Session to elect its Executive for the upcoming year. The Executive functions as the board of directors

for YPM Inc. as an organization, and each person is elected for a one-year term directly by and from the membership.

Jacob Harvey – Speaker

Jacob's first Session was YPM96, where he was the Member from Delta. Now the Speaker, he is excited for a wonderful final year as part of the executive. He is a fifth-year Biosystems Engineering student at the University of Manitoba, with a passion for bioremediation and general waste recycling and cleanup. Other interests include philosophy, history, and the sport of wrestling.

Alexa Mucyo Kayonga – Premier

Alexa first joined YPM in the 96th Session and presented bills as the Minister of Finance and Registrar General before being elected to the Executive in 2021. She is currently a fifth-year undergraduate student in Economics at the University of Manitoba, and is passionate about public policy in the areas of health and environmental economics. Her hobbies include reading historical fiction, growing house plants, and learning languages.

Josephine Zhao – Deputy Speaker

Josephine joined YPM in its 97th Session, she served two years on Cabinet as the P.S. to Supply and Services and the Minister of Labour. As the Minister of Labour, Josephine drafted a bill on temporary foreign workers' rights. Outside of YPM, she is a third-year student at the University of Manitoba studying mechanical engineering. Josephine loves astronomy, reading, especially sci-fi and fantasy books. After spending five years in Cadets, Josephine still likes to hang around the airfield. As YPM 102's Deputy Speaker, she looks forward to another year of YPM.

Xiao Zhang – Deputy Premier

Xiao first joined YPM in the 98th Session. He joined Cabinet in the 99th Session as the Minister of Supply and Service, and then presented the Online Video Game Regulation Act as the Minister of Revenue in the 100th Session. He is currently studying computer science at the University of Winnipeg while also taking several health science courses. In the future, Xiao hopes to incorporate modern technology into the healthcare field. In his free time, he enjoys exploring nature around the beautiful lakes of Manitoba. He also likes playing table tennis and playing various video games.

Charlize Medina – House Leader

Charlize joined YPM in the 97th Session and served 4 years on Cabinet as the P.S. to Human Resources, Minister of Publications, and Registrar General. Before becoming elected to the Executive, she presented two bills – the Community Service Act, and the Cashless Society Act. Charlize is also in her third year of undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto, where she focuses on Political Science. She enjoys reading, listening to music, and exploring museums in her free time.

Get in touch

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