



## THE YOUTH PARLIAMENTARIAN

*A Newsletter for alumni and community members*

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Happy New Year! Welcome to this issue of the Youth Parliamentarian, the newsletter of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba. In this issue, you will find a **recap of the 101st Session** and an **introduction to the 102nd Executive**.

### YPM concludes its 101st Session!



After two years of being online, YPM is delighted to report on the conclusion of our in-person 101st Session held in December. This year's Members, totalling over 60, embraced a return to normalcy between the chamber chairs and the halls of Kelvin High School.

Over the course of the week, Members participated in spirited and thoughtful debate on eight bills: the [five prepared bills](#), two private Members' bills on promoting education around MMIWG2S and establishing community welfare centres, and the *very serious* National Spirit Week Act. There was certainly no shortage of points of order as Members quickly picked up on turning up the heat in the chamber!

Members also had the opportunity to pose questions to former and current Manitoba MLAs. The former MLAs who participated in this year's annual Bear Pit were Colleen Mayer (2016–2019), Harold Taylor (1988–1990), Jerry Storie (1981–1994), and Marianne Cerilli (1990–2003). In addition to the usual caucus luncheons with the three sitting parties, for the first time, this year also included a luncheon with the Manitoba Métis Federation.

Though there were certainly many hiccups throughout the week, our first year back in person taught us a lot about how to rebuild the organization for the years ahead. It is completely thanks to everyone who gave their time to YPM – the pages, the clerks, the Legislature staff, and our 23-person Cabinet and Executive – that the 101st Session can call itself another one in the books.

Click the button below to view photos from Session, taken by John Baptista, posted on our Facebook!

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## **Introducing the Executive of the 102nd Session!**



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.

- **Premier:** Alexa Mucyo Kayonga
- **Speaker:** Jacob Harvey
- **Deputy Speaker:** Josephine Zhao
- **Deputy Premier:** Xiao Zhang
- **House Leader:** Charlize Medina

As Speaker, this was my (Nina's) last year in YPM since joining as a 17-year-old in 2015. Volunteering for YPM has taught me so much about teamwork and leadership, and indeed, shaped the trajectory of my life. I'm extremely grateful to have spent my young adulthood growing up alongside this organization, and I'm excited to pass the torch on to Jacob, who will take over the newsletter starting next month.

## 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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