



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. To hear more live updates, follow us on social media! Link found at the bottom of this newsletter.

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Insider: YPM103 Session Schedule

Do you ever reflect back on your YPM years, and wish you could witness its magic again? Come visit us in the gallery at the 103rd Session of YPM! Here is the schedule for YPM103.

Day One - Thursday, December 26, 2024		
15:40	16:05	Opening Ceremonies
18:05	20:10	First Sitting
		<i>Second Reading - The Voters for Open and Transparent Elections Act</i>
Day Two - Friday, December 27, 2024		
10:25	12:20	Second Sitting
		<i>Second Reading - The Child Protection Act</i>
14:10	15:55	Third Sitting
		<i>Second Reading - The Equity in Education Act</i>
Day Three - Saturday, December 28, 2024		
14:05	16:10	Fourth Sitting
16:40	18:30	Fifth Sitting
Day Four - Sunday, December 29, 2024		
10:25	12:25	Sixth Sitting
		<i>Concurrence and Third Reading - The Voters for Open and Transparent Elections Act</i>
14:15	16:45	Seventh Sitting
		<i>Concurrence and Third Reading - The Child Protection Act</i>
Day Five - Monday, December 30, 2024		
14:20	16:10	Eighth Sitting
		<i>Concurrence and Third Reading - The Equity in Education Act</i>
16:40	17:25	Ninth Sitting
18:05	18:25	Closing Ceremonies

Alumni Spotlight: Myles Hildebrand

I am happy to share our next alumni spotlight! Highlighting an avid supporter of YPM.



In 1986, Myles Hildebrand's YPM journey began as the Member from Haul-Alymer in the 65th Session. Subsequently, he served as YPM's Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Publications (Parliamentary Affairs recorded in database) in the 66th Session. Myles returned to the backbench in the 67th Session, where he enjoyed the rest of his YPM career until the 69th Session. During his time in YPM, Myles was often the calm mediator. He believed that everyone's opinion should be expressed, even when they are completely against his own. While there has always been

disagreements in YPM, he believed that the desire to have a successful Session each year always drives the Members to put aside their differences.

After finishing a Psychology degree, Myles worked as a Teacher's Aid for several years. As soon as he could, Myles started working as a Youth Addictions Counsellor in the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba in 1995. Currently, Myles is the Live-In treatment intake worker for the Shared Health's Mental Health and Addictions Youth program, and mostly works with parents of teenage children. Outside of work, Myles occasionally writes, loves collecting pop culture items, enjoys sword-fighting, blacksmithing, and "bad comedy". He recently celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary. In our interview, Myles also alluded to "[having] some kids of some age who do some stuff somewhere sometimes, I think".

Reflecting back to his YPM years, Myles misses the opportunities to stay up all night and discuss various topics with his peers. He said that while technology provides more connectivity between people, being able to see others face-to-face creates a unique personal connection, which drives understanding. YPM provided the space where one member can see the current laws as good and need upholding, and another can see them as repressive and need changing. Both can be right in their own lives, and hopefully, they could come together to find a mutually beneficial solution. There are many people who are unfamiliar with respectful debate without it falling to hyperbole, name-calling, and personal remarks, which often left Myles "shocked, appalled, and flabbergasted".

Myles also made several life-long friends from his first Session in 1986. As a "small town political geek", Myles seldom met like-minded peers who shared his interest for the world around him. With encouragement from Mr. McMillan, his Social Studies teacher, Myles found his community in YPM. He said that YPM changed his life, as it opened him to a whole new diverse world that he was welcomed in.

Lastly, Myles encourages the current members to enjoy the process. While the parliamentary process has its layers of bureaucracy, it evolved out of a time when warlords had to stay civil lest the Mace be used to kill an opponent. In the Chamber, very few people have sat in the seats that the current members occupy today, and the diversity of YPM membership is a testament to the adaptiveness of this system. Myles urges the members to always have respect – for the Chamber, your peers, the traditions, and yourselves.

Archive Entry: Purpose of a Registrar and BPM

Rowan Hildebrand, Registrar General

Hey everyone! My name is Rowan Hildebrand, this is my 4th year in YPM, second as Registrar General and I'm in my 3rd year of Civil Engineering at the University of Manitoba. I joined YPM from a suggestion by my father Myles Hildebrand who was a member many years ago.

As the Registrar General, the most important thing I needed to provide for backbenchers is stability. The Registrar is in charge of all communication with and management of backbenchers, along with a multitude of other responsibilities that I leave out for fear of boring you with my words. Having all these tasks, a Registrar is responsible for the appearance of professionalism in the organization for the months leading up to Session, as no member has more direct interaction with backbenchers. Any mistake in an email, committee or seating placement can cause stress for the backbenchers who are embarking on an exciting yet unknown challenge. Luckily, many systems are left in place by past Registrars. This is my last year in YPM, I hope to leave future registrars with my new seating chart program to help automate the crafting of a seating chart, ensuring that every backbencher has a fair and equal seating experience.

Leaving behind the topic of Registrar, I will attempt to argue, as I love doing, that my philosophy for a Bill Presenting Minister (BPM) is the correct choice. I believe that when acting as a BPM, one should craft a bill with their focus on the debate experience. While this may seem like an obvious thought, it is often forgotten. I hope that when my bill is voted upon, there is as close to a 50/50 split as possible, regardless whether it passes or fails. When creating the Child Protection Act, I purposefully added clauses that can be brought against my bill, and left out clauses that can be amended by a backbencher, who will gain a sense of pride in shaping the course of debate. I wrote each section of the bill with the intention of adding another aspect to the debate. I hope to hear arguments on the logistical, moral, economical, logical, and cultural aspects of the bill. If having read this you don't agree with everything I said, great! The heart of YPM is exposing yourself to new people and different viewpoints, ones you don't necessarily agree with. Finally, for any Backbencher or Cabinet member reading this that will one day take the place of

a bill presenting minister, I hope you will focus not on the bill itself but rather the people that it is written for.

HEAR HEAR!! Voice your opinion on the newsletters

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Cheers,
Josephine Zhao

Speaker, 103rd Session of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba



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