YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF MANITOBA

Year-in-Review

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Executive Summary

The Youth Parliament of Manitoba Inc. (YPM) held its 104th Session which marked several changes in the organization. YPM104 was our fourth year back to executing an in-person Session post-pandemic, with each year presenting learning experiences as we try to build strong institutional knowledge into the foundation of the organization.

We were incredibly honoured to invite Sergeant-at-Arms Dave Shuttleworth to be our Lieutenant Governor. Dave is someone many of our members look up to and has been a supporter of YPM for a number of years. Alan Campbell, alumnus and President of the Manitoba and Canada School Board Associations served as our Honorary President for the past 4 years. George Muswaggon served as our Traditional Knowledge Keepers whose teachings really resonated with this year's membership.

This year YPM saw Xiao Zhang, the Past-Chairperson/Speaker age out of the organization. We are incredibly grateful for the time and commitment he has put into the organization over the last eight years.

The Chairperson, Charlize Medina, Director of Finance, Madison Jones, and Vice-Chairperson, Jourmae Abengoza all made the decision to not return to the Executive for the following year.

This leaves Lien Huynh, the former Director of Procedures and in-coming Vice-Chairperson as the sole returning member of the Executive. We are excited to welcome Sarah Fontaine-Sinclair as next year's Chairperson. Maxcyn Gualdrapa as the Director of Finance, and Aiden Peters as the House Leader.

For the upcoming year, the Executive will be prioritizing in-person relationships, establishing long-term goals, and a strategic plan. Despite being down one member, the YPM105 Executive are a strong team and look forward to leading the Youth Parliament of Manitoba into its 105th and following years.

Lien Huynh, Vice-Chairperson of the 105th Session.

Fiscal Year Financial Statements – see Annex B

The 2025 fiscal year ran a surplus of $14, 987.15. The primary cause of this surplus is due to outstanding reimbursements that were not distributed by the last Director of Finance.

One of this year's major financial successes was the acquisition of many in-kind donations accrued by the Minister of Defence and in-coming Director of Finance, Maxcyn Gualdrapa. Receiving a total value of $4,187.48 of gifts in kind, mainly from local businesses, creating new partnerships with our community. We also received some food in-kind donations, in addition to generous discounts from local businesses. We continue to receive donations from a YPM-affiliated vending machine run by our alumnus Taylor Daigneault.

Overnight accommodations at Kelvin High School remained at a similar rate compared to previous years. We continue to be grateful for the generous discount from the Winnipeg School Division, Kelvin High School, and Superintendent Matt Henderson in supporting our youth-run organization.

Fundraising was a priority this year, however due to a lack of recent structure regarding eligible grants, most of the grant applications were rejected. Additionally, we noticed that most grants are open to applications in the first half of the year which does not accommodate YPM's current volunteer structure. As we make plans for the next year, this is something we are taking into consideration.

Due to scheduling conflicts, we passed yet another year without hosting Speaker's Night. While it is unlikely we will be able to host it this year, the costs it would incur in future years was a consideration when creating this year's budget. Restarting this position remains one of the in-coming Executive's main long-term priorities.

While we would like to continue to grow our large endowment fund, its current balance continues to provide us with stability in our expected operations. We hope to grow our corporate, alumni, and local connections so we can continue to expand our operations. Three out of the four Executive members for the 2026 fiscal year had the opportunity to attend YPC, which increased inter-Youth Parliament relationships. Working towards hosting CYP (formerly WCYP) within the next decade is one of our long-term goals and will be reflected in the composition of the next Cabinet.

Events

As always we began the year with striking a Standing Orders and By-Laws Organizational Committee (SOBLOC) where a group of members came together to review and update YPM's governing documents. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) shortly followed where Members heard the State of the Corporation address, a Year-in-Review presentation, the SOBLOC report, and a report on the 2026-2027 budget.

This year Cabinet spent two nights camping at Bird's Hill Park for our Cabinet Retreat. We observed that adding an extra night increased the team's ability to get to know each other and bond before working on official YPM tasks.

This year was full of exciting opportunities for members of YPM. Five of our members were selected to sit on the Organizing Committee for the inaugural Youth Parliament of Canada (YPC). YPC was spearheaded by alumnus Michael Urban in partnership with CIVIX Canada. It hosted 75 youth 16-20 with a representative from each province and territory in the Senate Chamber over three days in November. Our Director of Procedures, Lien Huynh served as the Speaker and wrote the simulation's Standing Orders. Our members Bisman Randhawa and Aiden Peters were Bill Presenting Ministers, and Sarah Fontaine-Sinclair and Eddy Paez served as Bill Critics.

Throughout the summer our Director of Procedures hosted YPM work sessions where members were able to come together to work on shared tasks. This received great feedback and increasing in-person opportunities to connect really translated in Cabinet's ability to work as a team.

This translated into increased Cabinet hangouts after meetings, which took place at the University of Winnipeg. This year the Executive presented professional development modules that included writing professional emails, how to read the governing documents, and a scholarship module presented by alumnus Nina Lam.

In mid November, the ministry of external affairs hosted an open mic/board game night as their event for YPM104. Held at The Hive at the University of Winnipeg, backbenchers and cabinet alike played games together, and made unforgettable memories.

The Whips hosted a Page Training session where Pages were given formal training aided by current Legislature Pages on how to navigate the Chamber. This translated into Pages who were much more confident in the Chamber, and who even invited their parents to watch.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation, particularly fundraising and recruitment for our Garry McLean Scholarship Fund (GMSF) was a priority this year, shown through our organization's revival of a portfolio focused on precisely this. Reinstating the Minister of Reconciliation was a mindful decision the Executive made to advance our priorities with reconciliation while hosting an event based on colonial power. Moving forward this will be a position that will be filled mindfully and through consultation with YPM's Indigenous members.

This year we established what we hope to be long standing relationships with members of Rotary Club of Winnipeg, specifically Strini Reddy. With the Rotary Club's assistance we were able to set up virtual meetings with educators from various communities in Northern Manitoba. This helped lead to the successful recruitment of students from communities such as St. Theresa Point, and the overall recruitment of 7 students to the GMSF programme from across Manitoba.

Community involvement was also a focus this year in regards to reconciliation, as many members of the organization participated in a walk with the Bear Clan. Hoping to create a precedent of more community involvement within YPM as a whole.

- Aiden Peters, Minister of Reconciliation of the 104th Session

Session

This year we held our 104th Session, and building on last year's success, registration sold out over a month before the deadline. This marks a shift in our recruitment strategy for the upcoming year as we remain cognizant that even with sold out numbers, some Youth who may benefit from the opportunity continue to experience barriers of access to attending Session. This will be a consideration for next year as the Executive reflects on the past four years of in-person Sessions and strategically plans for the next few years.

This year's Session was marked by a couple of changes and new initiatives. The Executive added the position of Secretary of States and reinstated the Minister of Reconciliation. This meant that including the Executive, we had a 30 person Cabinet. At Session, YPM invited the rotary Model United Nations and MARL to share student opportunities to our membership over a dinner. We also tried out new programming inspired by our members' experiences in other youth parliaments. The in-coming Executive look forward to what they can provide the membership next year.

Merchandise

Following a very successful YPM104 that saw a significant portion of older inventory sold, the Ministry of Supply and Service (S&) for YPM105 had the freedom to procure several new merchandise items. With the help of the Director of Finance, custom lapel pins, drink glasses, and pens were ordered at highly reasonable prices from reliable manufacturers. Additionally, and for the first time in at least a decade, S&S gave Backbenchers the opportunity to purchase generic versions of the personalised YPM sweaters made for cabinet members. Blank t-shirts ordered in the previous year were also printed on and impressed multiple members with their quality. At Session, the S&S team was able to sell the whole stock of sweaters and pens, alongside a considerable number of pins. Sales were also good for the other new products and older pieces of merchandise, like the history books. This all contributed greatly to S&S's recorded total of $2,409.72 in sales revenue and $1,243.59 of profit.

➢ Emerson McFadyen, Minister of Supply & Service of the 104th Session

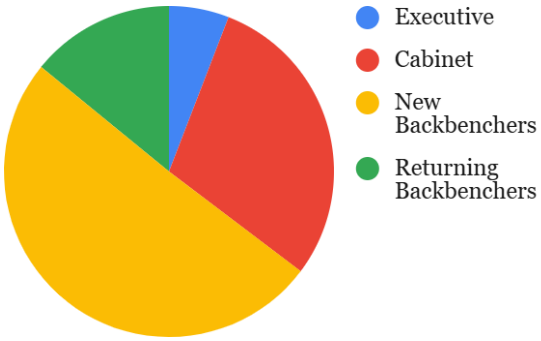
Press

YPM104 was met with press in the gallery nearly every single day. This was the result of persistent media outreach from the Ministry of Public Relations. Outlets were contacted via email & phone call as early as a week before Session commenced, and such was continued throughout the week. Before Session, one of our Cabinet members was interviewed by the Niverville Citizen to highlight the abundance of representation from Niverville. Throughout Session, we had the pleasure of being visited and documented by the Winnipeg Free Press, Global News, CTV News Winnipeg, ICI Manitoba, Radio-Canada, the Carillon, and for the first time in since the pandemic, YPM was featured on CTV News Channel, the national branch of CTV that also happens to be the most-watched news organization in Canada. We had 13 interviews in total. The interest of local journalists to share our stories has been integral to building YPM's community across the province

➢ Emily Mann, Minister of Public Relations of the 104th Session

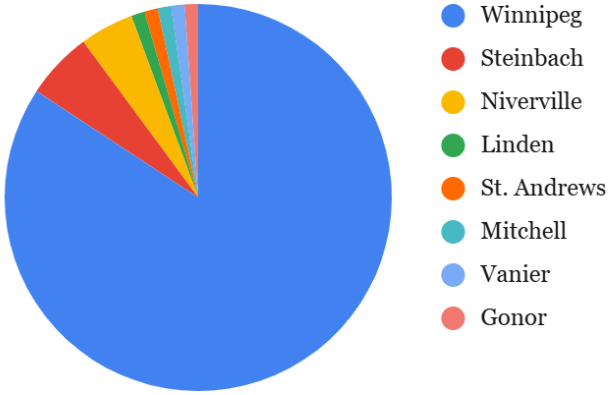
Annexe A: Attendee Information

Member Composition



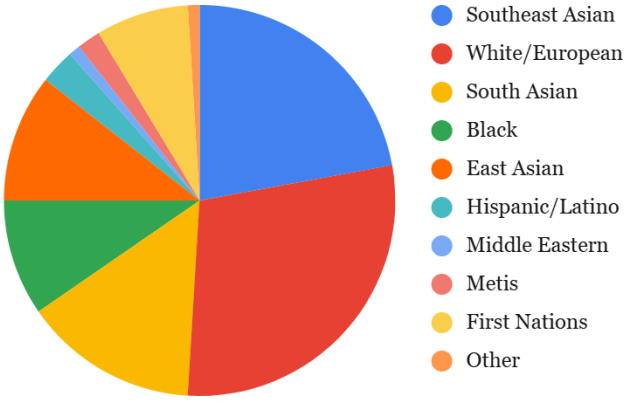
Executive	5
Cabinet	25
New Backbenchers	43
Returning Backbencher	12

Member's Hometown



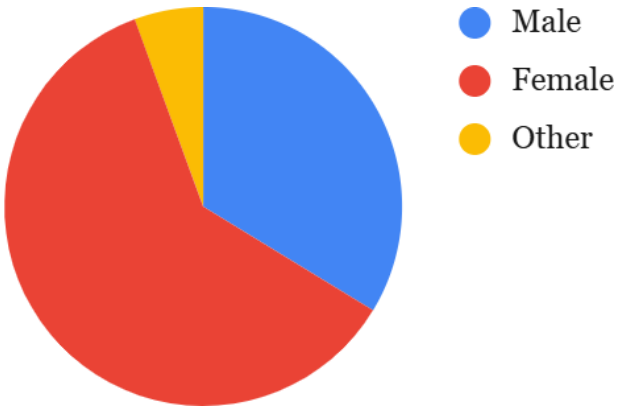
Winnipeg	74
Steinbach	5
Niverville	4
Linden	1
St. Andrews	2
Mitchell	1
Vanier	1
Gonor	1

Member's Ethnic Background



Southeast Asian	23
White/European	30
South Asian	15
Black	10
East Asian	11
Hispanic/Latino	3
Middle Eastern	1
Metis	2
First Nations	8
Other	1

Member's Gender Identity



Female	54
Male	30
Other	5

Annexe B: 2025-2026 Actuals

Youth Parliament of Manitoba
Actuals - Feb. 1, 2025 to Jan. 31, 2026

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
1100	Session - Registration Fees	$ 9,761.90
1105	Session - Partnerships	$ 1,700.00
1110	Session - Merchandise Revenue	$ 3,062.27
1115	Session - Canteen Revenue	$ 241.00
1120	Session - Page Ticket Revenue	$ 116.00
	Total Session Revenue	**$ 14,881.17**
1200	Speaker's Night Revenue	$ -
1205	Community Events Revenue	$ -
1210	Special Projects Revenue	$ 172.75
	Total Speaker's Night/Events Revenue	**$ 172.75**
1300	Fundraising - Direct Mail Campaign	$ 442.01
1305	Fundraising - Canada Helps	$ 1,194.80
1310	Fundraising - Gifts in Kind	$ -
1315	Fundraising - Bus Grant	$ -
1320	Fundraising - Special Projects	$ 6,175.00
1325	Fundraising - CYP	$ -
1330	GST Rebate	$ -
	Total Fundraising Revenue	**$ 7,811.81**
1400	Endowment - Direct Mail Campaign	$ -
1405	Endowment - Donations	$ 627.51
1410	Endowment - Investment Income	$ 6,282.00
	Total Endowment Fund Revenue	**$ 6,909.51**
1500	GMSF - Direct Mail Campaign	$ 2,500.00
1505	GMSF - Canada Helps	$ 500.00
1510	GMSF - Gifts in Kind	$ -
	Total GMSF Revenue	**$ 3,000.00**
1600	YPM103 - Outstanding Revenue	$ 2,121.88
	Total YPM103 Revenue	**$ 2,121.88**
	Total Revenue	**$ 34,897.12**
2100	Session - Food Expenses	$ -
2110	Session - Opening Banquet	$ 1,226.97
2115	Session - Mega Feast	$ 1,014.72
2120	Session - Takeover Lunch	$ -
2125	Session - Merchandise	$ 2,120.81
2130	Session - Canteen	$ 185.09

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Account No.	Account Name	Amount
2145	Session - Pages	$ -
2150	Session - Elder	$ -
2155	Session - Welcome Packages & Name Tags	$ -
2165	Session - Accommodations	$ 3,150.00
2170	Session - Transportation	$ 2,004.75
2175	Session - Publications	$ 856.55
2180	Session - Photography	$ 523.23
2185	Session - Advertising Costs	$ -
2190	Session - Recruitment Costs	$ 379.50
2195	Session - Cabinet Rebate	$ 1,951.69
2200	Session - General Financial Aid	$ -
2205	Session - Newcomer Scholarship	$ 330.00
2210	Session - Ticket Tailor Fees	$ 41.00
2215	Session - Refunds and Reversals	$ 1,248.60
2220	Session - Bear Pit	$ -
2225	Session - Bear Pit Reception	$ -
2230	Session - Luncheons	$ 3,604.51
2235	Session - Amenities	$ -
	Total Session Expenses	**$ (15,032.91)**
2300	Speaker's Night - Meals	$ -
2305	Speaker's Night - Venue	$ -
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	$ -
2620	GMSF - Registration	$ -
2625	GMSF - Discretionary	$ -
	Total GMSF Expenses	**$ (200.00)**
2700	Office Supplies	$ -
2500	Endowment Fund	$ -
	Total Endowment Fund Expenses	**$ -**
2600	GMSF - Food	$ 20.00
2605	GMSF - Clothes	$ 180.00
2610	GMSF - Travel	$ -
2615	GMSF - Recruitment Costs	$ -
2135	Session - Honour Guard	$ -
2140	Session - Pipers	$ -