

DEDICATION

Perhaps the best individual to serve a community is one who is empowered. The Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament achieves exactly that. It opens our eyes to what a privilege it is to be able to gather with other youth of a community. We openly voice our opinions, learn from one another and apply changes that we as a group see fit. In the process, we, as empowered youth, seek to promote learning throughout our country and thus empower others. Knowledge is power.

Why our honourable youth? The motto of youth-serving-youth makes those we connect with primarily the youth of our communities. Whether its because youth are going to be the greatest influence in our future or because youth have that ability to connect with people, the world today seems to demand a lot from its youth: academically, aesthetically, mentally and physically. And thus we have the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament to start this chain of empowerment; by showing us the greatness that comes from being an involved individual in the community. May we, as an empowered people, make the best out of this experienced we have been blessed with and use this service organization to serve ourselves, serve the Parliament and serve the world.

Sincerely,

Shyam Singh
Premier, 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear Members and Ambassadors of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament,

Your weekend has come to a close. Congratulations on your hard work and dedication. This weekend was trying and, at times, tedious, but you all got through it. LMEYP is a unique experience and one that many of you will hopefully want to repeat. Hopefully you all learned a lot about our legislative process and are more interested in the political environment because of it.

The Regional Planning Committee did an amazing job preparing LMEYP this year. The logistics of a regional are certainly not easy to arrange but the RPC preformed it well. Chair Oriana Camporese continues to do an outstanding job as Chair, taking on the responsibility of ensuring the regional ran smoothly and her hard work was rewarded as this LMEYP went by flawlessly. Chief Returning Officer Aliya Jiwa worked tirelessly to ensure that the House was filled

This beautiful Journal was produced by a dedicated team of clerks. Susie Bowles needs thanking for her tireless pre-clerking to make the weekend flow smoother. Karen Ratchford for her work during the weekend and serving as a pseudo-Head Clerk on Friday also deserves thanks. Emily Gage continues to serve as an excellent clerking assistant and will surely be an excellent Head Clerk at future regionals. Ellie Chalkman preformed fantastically in her first outing as a House Servant. She operated the photocopier with uncanny skill and will certainly be an asset to future clerking teams as well.

Deputy Speaker Oriana Camporese ensured that Committee was educational as well as bearable with her bubbly demeanour. She also put up with the House Servants by billeting them at her house. Additionally, her hair smells very nice. Thanks also go to Aliya Jiwa and Emily Gage for being willing to drive around New West to pick up the various items needed by LMEYP this session.

Premier Shyam Sing had a remarkable presence that sustained the House even without his attendance. Kayla Briere. As a second year member, she stepped into the role admirably. Her Shadow kept debate light and amusing.

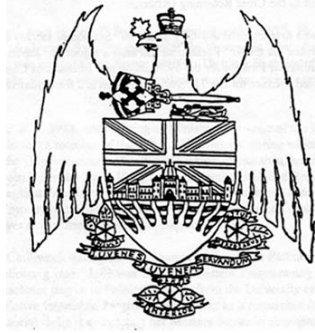
Members, this weekend I have been impressed with your passion for debate and service. I would remind you of how critical it is to continue on and remember your commitments from this weekend. Members, I acknowledge you. Go forth and go good stuff. ☺

Yours in Parliament,

Tyler Allison

Speaker

17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament



A PROCLAMATION

LOWER MAINLAND EAST YOUTH PARLIAMENT

To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Seventeenth Session of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament and to every one of you:

GREETINGS.

WHEREAS the British Columbia Youth Parliament has made provision for free expression and self-government of organized youth groups in British Columbia.

WE DO HEREBY COMMAND THAT the Seventeenth Session of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament be convened.

IN PURSUANCE OF THIS COMMAND, we do enjoin each of you that on Friday, the first day of May, in this year two thousand and nine, at half past the hour of seven in the evening, you do meet for the dispatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon these things which relate to the mental, physical, spiritual and social development of organisations which may be presented for your consideration.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF I have set my signature hereto this first day of May, in the two thousandth and ninth year.

Mr. Jonathan Cote
Lieutenant Governor
Seventeenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament

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Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament
OATH OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

“I hereby promise that I shall do all in my power to further the mental, physical, spiritual and social development of the youth of the Lower Mainland East and thus uphold the ideals of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.”

FORMER HOUSE LEADERS OF THE LOWER MAINLAND EAST YOUTH PARLIAMENT					
#	YEAR	LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	SPEAKER	PREMIER	LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
1	1988	Barry Jones, M.L.A.	Karen Sommer	Drew Olson	Nikki Glave
2	1989	Ken Smith	Sean Vanderfluit	Shannon Smyrl	Cindy van Ginkel
3	1990	Dan Burnett	Jason Herbert	Peter Helland	Farah Nazarali
4	1991	Svend Robinson, M.P./ Ian Waddell, M.P.	James Fraser	Chilwin Cheng	Mark Bailey
5	1992	Svend Robinson, M.P.	Drew Olson	Mark Bailey	Wyatt Cheng
6	1993	Barbara Copping, M.L.A.	Geoff Glave	Kathleen Frederickson	Stephen Graf
7	1994	Kerry Simmons / Victor Tuomi	Dan Burnett	Stephen Graf	Karin Yeung
8	1995	Jo-Anne Parnetta, Esq.	Rosa-Lea Millard	Tracy Tang	Dea Lloyd
9	1997	Rick Marusyk	Jenn Jay	Maryth Yachnin	Katie Tsoukalas
10	1998	Christy Clark, M.L.A.	Chilwin Cheng	Aniz Alani	Katie Tsoukalas
11	1999	His Worship Mayor Rick Marusyk / Christy Clark, M.L.A.	Jason Herbert	Christopher Chan	Aniz Alani
12	2001	Susie da Silva	Rhonda Vanderfluit	Yuk-Sing Cheng	Forrest Parlee
13	2005	Aniz Alani	Danica Wong	Tanya Perelygin	Matthew Kalkman
14	2006	Raj Chouhan M.L.A.	Alan Ip	Matthew Kalkman	Tanis Wong
15	2007	Jennifer Jay	Dora Turje	Sasa Pudar	Carson Zhou
16	2008	Chuck Puchmayr, M.L.A.	Dora Turje	Karn Safaya	Gordon Hall
17	2009	Jonathan Cote, City Councillor	Tyler Allison	Shyam Singh	Kayla Briere

(The Regional Youth Parliaments Act is an Act of British Columbia Youth Parliament that contains the guiding policies for Regional Youth Parliament Administration. In accordance with section 10 of the Act, the Charter package is published in the Journal of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.)

HISTORY OF THE REGIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT MOVEMENT

In 1984, at the 56th Session of the British Columbia Youth Parliament, Dave Keary introduced the idea of Regional Youth Parliaments (RYPs). Keary's original idea was to have RYPs collectively run BCYP's largest service project – Camp Phoenix. Unfortunately, the idea of RYPs did not take hold that year, or the year after, because the 57th Session of BCYP was already presenting two major projects: Western Canada Youth Parliament and Camp Phoenix.

In December of 1986, however, the 58th Session of BCYP saw the birth of RYPs. Dean Crawford, the Minister of Project Phoenix, championed the mandate to create one RYP and a Regional Youth Parliament Handbook, to be used as a reference guide for future members to run an RYP. The RYP that was created that year was the Kootenay Youth Parliament (KYP). It was held in Creston during the summer of 1987.

At the 59th Session of BCYP, RYPs made it into the legislation for the first time. They were presented as part of the *Regional Activities Act*, and were the responsibility of the Deputy Premier, Sharon Pratt (now Hallsor). Pratt appointed Chairs for the various Regional Planning Committees. That year, KYP was held for the second time outside the BCYP umbrella, and six new RYPs were held under BCYP guidance. The six new RYPs were:

Vancouver Youth Parliament	March 18-20, 1988
New Westminister-Coquitlam-Burnaby Youth Parliament	April 29-May 1, 1988
Vancouver Island Youth Parliament	May 20-22, 1988
North Shore Youth Parliament	May 20-22, 1988
Pacific Northwest Youth Parliament	May 20-22, 1988
Okanagan Youth Parliament	July 8-10, 1988

Since that time, some RYPs have been discontinued, some have been held sporadically and other new ones have been created. Only one RYP has continued uninterrupted to today: the Vancouver Youth Parliament, now in its 20th Session.

Today, under the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act, 1999*, RYPs are the responsibility of the BCYP Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments. As the parent organization, BCYP has maintained its commitment to sponsor and guide RYPs. RYPs have celebrated many successes and hopefully will continue to prosper in the future.

REGIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENTS ACT, 2009*Contents*

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An Act to Organize, Administer, and Promote Regional Youth Parliaments.

Preamble

WHEREAS the 58th British Columbia Youth Parliament deemed it expedient to organize Regional Youth Parliaments in order to expand the Youth Parliament movement;

AND WHEREAS it is an aim of British Columbia Youth Parliament to promote the mental, physical, spiritual and social well-being of the youth of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS through the fulfillment of these aims, Regional Youth Parliaments will be an excellent medium for the education of the youth of British Columbia.

THEREFORE Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia Youth Parliament, enacts as follows:

Definitions

- 1 In this Act,
- “**Charter**” means the set of documents granted to an Initiate or Returning Parliament conferring official British Columbia Youth Parliament recognition on a Regional Youth Parliament for a period of one year;
- “**Initiate Parliament**” means an organization applying for British Columbia Youth Parliament sponsorship for the first time, after not having renewed its Charter for a period not less than one year, or after having a previously granted Charter revoked;
- “**Minister**” means the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments;
- “**Lieutenant Governor in Council**” means the Cabinet of British Columbia Youth Parliament exercising the power of the Lieutenant Governor and other functions authorized by legislation;
- “**Regional Planning Committee**” means the committee formed by the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments to organize the Regional Youth Parliament Session;
- “**Regional Youth Parliament**” means a subordinate legislature of British Columbia Youth Parliament created to expand the Youth Parliament movement and to educate youth about the Parliamentary process in a particular region of the province of British Columbia;
- “**Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee**” means the committee formed by the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments to review each Regional Youth Parliament’s Charter application, legislation, and other issues pertinent to Regional Youth Parliaments;
- “**Returning Parliament**” means a Regional Youth Parliament currently sponsored by British Columbia Youth Parliament seeking to renew its Charter for an additional Sessional year.

Principle

- 2 (1) It is hereby recognized that British Columbia Youth Parliament and the Regional Youth Parliaments should work together in order to preserve and spread the Youth Parliament movement in British Columbia.
- (2) The *Regional Youth Parliaments Act* is the authority under which Regional Youth Parliaments are organized, and any Regional Youth Parliament legislation that is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is, to the extent of the inconsistency, of no force or effect.

Nature of Regional Youth Parliaments

- 3 Regional Youth Parliaments must be non-partisan, non-profit and non-denominational.

General powers

- 4 Despite anything in this Act, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may effect changes, as necessary, in areas including, but not limited to, policy, procedure and structure, as they pertain to Regional Youth Parliaments, to ensure the welfare of British Columbia Youth Parliament, Regional Youth Parliaments or the Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society.

Ministry responsible for administration of Regional Youth Parliaments

- 5 The Ministry of Regional Youth Parliaments must provide for the organization and administration of Regional Youth Parliaments in British Columbia as set out in this Act.

Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee

- 6 (1) The Minister, in consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council and Senate, must strike a Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee which must include
- (a) the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments,
 - (b) the Minister of Finance,
 - (c) the Premier,
 - (d) at least 2 other members of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and
 - (e) a Senator.

- (2) The Senator appointed under subsection (1) (e), may appoint a designate to act in his or her place on such occasions as deemed necessary by the Senator.

Regional Planning Committees

- 7 (1) The Minister must strike a Regional Planning Committee to organize each Regional Youth Parliament's Session.
- (2) Regional Planning Committees must include
- (a) a Chairperson appointed by the Minister,
 - (b) a Chief Returning Officer, responsible for the recruitment of members and administration of nominations;
 - (c) the Premier of the upcoming Regional Youth Parliament Session,
 - (d) at least one Member of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, where practicable, and
 - (e) the Leader of the Opposition of the upcoming Regional Youth Parliament Session, where practicable.
- (3) The member(s) of the Regional Planning Committee appointed under subsection (2) (b) and (d), and any additional members of the Committee must be appointed by the Chairperson of the Regional Planning Committee, in consultation with the Minister.
- (4) The Chairperson of each Regional Youth Parliament, in consultation with the Regional Planning Committee, is responsible for the appointment of
- (a) a Lieutenant Governor,
 - (b) a Speaker,
 - (c) a Deputy Speaker,
 - (d) a Chief Clerk,
 - (e) at least one assistant Clerk, selected by the Chief Clerk,
 - (f) a Legislative Liaison, and
 - (g) a Sessional Director, who must be at least 21 years of age.
- (5) All appointments made by the Chairperson and the Regional Planning Committee are subject to approval by the Minister, in consultation with the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee.
- (6) Any Member wishing to start an Initiate Parliament must contact the Minister for information on the process they should follow to do so.

Handbook

- 8 (1) The Minister must revise and distribute the *Regional Youth Parliament Handbook*, a guide to planning Regional Youth Parliament Sessions, to
- (a) each Regional Planning Committee,
 - (b) the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee, and
 - (c) any other interested parties.
- (2) The handbook must outline the responsibilities of the Regional Planning Committee in planning a Regional Youth Parliament Session.
- (3) The handbook must reflect the principles, restrictions and obligations contained within the latest version of the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act*.

Charter Applications

- 9 (1) The Chairperson of each Regional Planning Committee must submit a written application to the Minister, no later than 6 weeks prior to the proposed date of the Regional Youth Parliament Session, which must consist of the following:
- (a) a proposed set of regional boundaries,
 - (b) a written report indicating the feasibility of a Regional Youth Parliament in the proposed region,
 - (c) the proposed site of the Regional Youth Parliament Session,
 - (d) the proposed dates of the Regional Youth Parliament Session,
 - (e) a written statement expressing the Regional Youth Parliament's agreement to comply with all provisions

- contained within this Act,
- (f) a budget proposal approved by the Minister of Finance prior to the submission of the Charter application,
 - (g) a list of proposed individuals to fill the roles outlined in section 7, subsection (4),
 - (h) a copy of the membership application.
- (2) In the case of a Returning Parliament, the Chairperson of the Regional Planning Committee must report on the Regional Youth Parliament's fulfilment of their legislation in addition to the information required by subsection (1).
 - (3) Regional Youth Parliament Charters may be granted by the Minister in consultation with the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee.
 - (4) Regional Planning Committees may not distribute application forms until a Charter has been granted to the Regional Youth Parliament.

Charter

- 10**
- (1) Each Regional Youth Parliament must receive a Charter package including the following:
 - (a) a brief history of the Regional Youth Parliament movement;
 - (b) the most recent consolidated version of this Act;
 - (c) a detailed description of British Columbia Youth Parliament's administrative expectations of the Regional Youth Parliament's Premier and Minister of Finance;
 - (d) a statement of Charterhood, which must be signed by the following individuals:
 - (i) the Premier of British Columbia Youth Parliament;
 - (ii) the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments;
 - (iii) the Premier of the Regional Youth Parliament;
 - (iv) the Minister of Finance of the Regional Youth Parliament.
 - (2) The Charter package must be included in the Journal of all Regional Youth Parliaments.

Restrictions

- 11**
- (1) The Minister may, in consultation with the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee, place restrictions on a Charter at any time.
 - (2) Under subsection (1), Regional Youth Parliaments may be restricted from privileges including, but not limited to
 - (a) debating and passing a *Supply Act*,
 - (b) organizing or participating in service projects or events,
 - (c) fundraising for other charitable organizations, or
 - (d) issuing Orders in Council.
 - (3) If a restriction is placed upon a Regional Youth Parliament Charter, the Minister must explain in writing the reasons for doing so to the Regional Planning Committee at the time the restriction is placed.

Revocation of Charter

- 12**
- (1) The Minister may, in consultation with the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee, revoke a Charter at any time if
 - (a) the Regional Youth Parliament
 - (i) jeopardizes British Columbia Youth Parliament's registered charity status,
 - (ii) jeopardizes British Columbia Youth Parliament's reputation as a non-partisan, non-denominational youth service organization, or
 - (iii) breaches the provisions of this Act, or
 - (b) exceptional circumstances exist such that the revocation would be necessary to maintain the peace, order and good government of the Regional Youth Parliament movement in British Columbia.
 - (2) The Minister must inform the Regional Planning Committee in writing of the reasons for revocation of their Charter prior to any action taken under subsection (1).
 - (3) If a Regional Youth Parliament Cabinet or Regional Planning Committee wishes to comment on the proposed

revocation of its Charter, it may submit written comments to the Minister within one week of being informed of the proposal, which must be reviewed by the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee prior to any action taken under subsection (1).

- (4) In the event of a revocation of a Charter, the Minister must submit a written report outlining the reasons for the revocation
- (a) for review by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, Senate and the Regional Youth Parliament Cabinet,
 - (b) for publication in the next issue of the *Parliamentarian*, and
 - (c) to be tabled at the next Session of British Columbia Youth Parliament.

Membership criteria

- 13** (1) Each member of a Regional Youth Parliament must
- (a) reside or attend an educational institution in the Regional Youth Parliament region,
 - (b) not be a member of another Regional Youth Parliament, and
 - (c) reach age 14, but be younger than age 19, as of December 31 of the year in which the Regional Youth Parliament Session is being held.
- (2) Anyone who meets the criteria outlined in paragraphs (b) and (c) of the previous subsection, but neither resides in nor attends an educational institution within the boundaries of any Regional Youth Parliament, must be permitted membership in any Regional Youth Parliament at the discretion of the Chairperson of its Regional Planning Committee in consultation with the Minister.

Ambassadors

- 14** (1) Ambassadors from other nominating organizations may be invited to attend a Regional Youth Parliament Session.
- (2) An ambassador must reach age 14, but be younger than 19, as of December 31 of the year in which the Regional Youth Parliament Session is being held.
- (3) Ambassadors have debating privileges defined in the legislation and Standing Orders of the Regional Youth Parliament.

Finances

- 15** (1) The Minister of Finance of British Columbia Youth Parliament must administer the finances of each Regional Youth Parliament.
- (2) The Minister of Finance of British Columbia Youth Parliament must table a report, to be written in conjunction with the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments, providing guidelines for the administration of Regional Youth Parliament finances.

Registration fees

- 16** (1) The Minister of Finance, in consultation with the Regional Planning Committee and the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee, must levy a registration fee from members attending each Regional Youth Parliament Session.
- (2) Sessional expenditures as may be required for the implementation of the responsibilities of the Regional Planning Committee must be at the discretion of the Minister of Finance.
- (3) At the discretion of the Minister of Finance, monies may be allocated to the Cabinet of each Regional Youth Parliament in order to meet legislated expenditures.
- (4) Additional monies, as may be required to meet legislated expenditures, may be raised by the Regional Youth Parliament.

Charter fees

- 17** The Minister of Finance must collect a Charter fee from each Regional Youth Parliament within 75 days of the granting a Charter to the Regional Youth Parliament, subject to the following:
- (a) this fee must be used to cover British Columbia Youth Parliament and Senate expenses in the purchase of insurance for the Regional Youth Parliament;

- (b) the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments, in consultation with the Minister of Finance, may postpone payment of this fee if a Regional Youth Parliament is experiencing financial difficulties.

Cancellation of Regional Youth Parliament Session

- 18** (1) If one week before a scheduled Session there are fewer than the number of eligible applicants required to cover the costs of running the Session, the Minister may cancel the Regional Youth Parliament Session.
- (2) Despite anything in subsection (1), the Minister, in consultation with the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee, must cancel any Regional Youth Parliament Session that is deemed unfeasible.

Premiers' Guidelines

- 19** The Minister must table a report providing guidelines for Regional Youth Parliament Premiers.

Recall of House Leader

- 20** Where exceptional circumstances exist, a House Leader or House Leader-Elect may be recalled by a vote of the Lieutenant Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the Minister in consultation with the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee.

Appointment of House Leader after recall or resignation

- 21** In the event of the resignation or recall of a Regional Youth Parliament House Leader, the Chairperson of the Regional Planning Committee must appoint a designate in consultation with the Minister and the Regional Youth Parliament Planning Committee.

Legislative review

- 22** (1) The Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee must convene, in person or by other means, to scrutinize and review legislation and resolutions passed by each Regional Youth Parliament.
- (2) The Committee may recommend the complete or partial disallowance of legislation or resolutions if they, for example, would result in the revocation of the Regional Youth Parliament's Charter, or could conceivably jeopardize the Regional Youth Parliament's or British Columbia Youth Parliament's continued existence or reputation.
- (3) The Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee must report its recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor in Council within 45 days of the prorogation of the Regional Youth Parliament Session.
- (4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council must convene, in person or by other means, to consider the recommendations of the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee within 60 days of the Regional Youth Parliament Session.
- (5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may disallow any Act or resolution or portion thereof that falls under the guidelines for the disallowance of legislation outlined in subsection (2)
- (6) The Minister must communicate in writing any disallowance made to the appropriate Regional Youth Parliament Cabinet within 2 weeks of the disallowance being made.
- (7) If Regional Youth Parliament legislation or resolutions are, at any time, found to contravene any provision of the most recent version of this Act, the Minister, with the consent of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may direct the Regional Youth Parliament Cabinet to remedy the inconsistency, or may disallow previously enacted legislation, resolutions or portions thereof pursuant to section 2, subsection (2) of this Act.

Orders in Council

- 23** (1) Regional Youth Parliament Cabinets may issue Orders in Council, having the full force of legislation, which add new orders to any piece of legislation authorized by the Legislative Assembly of the Regional Youth Parliament.
- (2) All Orders in Council must be approved by the Minister, in consultation with the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee.

Report of Regional Planning Committee

- 24** (1) The Chairperson of the Regional Planning Committee must submit a written report within 2 weeks following the end of the Regional Youth Parliament Session to the Minister with specific reference to
- (a) the organization and performance of the Regional Planning Committee,

- (b) the organization and execution of the Regional Youth Parliament Session,
 - (c) any recommendations for future Chairpersons regarding the above issues, and
 - (d) any information deemed to be pertinent by the Chairperson.
- (2) Regional Planning Committee reports must be tabled at the next Session of British Columbia Youth Parliament.

Premiers' reports

- 25 The Premiers of all Regional Youth Parliaments must make written reports to the Minister at such times as the Minister may require describing
- (a) the Regional Youth Parliament's activities,
 - (b) the Regional Youth Parliament's fulfillment of its legislation, and
 - (c) any other pertinent information as requested.

Event approval

- 26 (1) The Premier of each Regional Youth Parliament must receive approval from the Minister at least 5 days prior to any Regional Youth Parliament activity or event.
- (2) If the proposed Regional Youth Parliament activity or event is not within the nature, or is beyond the scope, of past or present activities undertaken by Regional Youth Parliaments or British Columbia Youth Parliament, the Minister must consult the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee before sanctioning the Regional Youth Parliament activity or event.

Comments on proposed amendments

- 27 (1) The Chairperson, Premier, and Premier-elect of each Regional Youth Parliament must receive a copy of any proposed amendments to this Act at least one month prior to consideration at a British Columbia Youth Parliament Session.
- (2) If a Regional Youth Parliament Cabinet wishes to comment on the proposed amendments, they may submit a letter to the Minister before the Session, which must be tabled prior to debate on amendments to this Act.
- (3) The Chairperson, Premier, and Premier-elect of each Regional Youth Parliament must receive an up-to-date copy of this Act following a Session at which it has been amended.

Policies

- 28 A report must be tabled by the Minister on Regional Youth Parliament policies before any amendment to this Act.

Responsibility for Act

- 29 This Act is the responsibility of the Ministers of Regional Youth Parliaments and Finance.

Repeal of Act

- 30 This Act repeals the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act, 1999*.

Commencement

- 31 This Act comes into force on January 1, 2009

REGIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT PREMIERS' GUIDELINES

Pursuant to section 23 of the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act*, 1999 (R.S.B.C.Y.P. 2007), I hereby submit a report providing the guidelines for Regional Youth Parliament Premiers.

The Premier of a Regional Youth Parliament (RYP) must abide by the rules, regulations and responsibilities outlined in British Columbia Youth Parliament's (BCYP's) *Regional Youth Parliaments Act*, the RYP's *Ministerial Responsibilities Act*, the RYP's [name of regional] *Youth Parliament Act* and the *Regional Youth Parliament Handbook*.

RYP Premiers must sit on the Regional Planning Committee (RPC), hold a legislative Session and, if the RYP is granted a Full Status Charter, sign the Statement of Charterhood.

Prior to BCYP Session, the Premier of an RYP, upon receiving the proposed amendments to BCYP's *Regional Youth Parliaments Act* from the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments, must forward a copy of the proposed amendments to his or her Cabinet, if it is appointed at that time.

The Premier of an RYP must appoint a Cabinet, at least two months prior to the scheduled date of the RYP Session, to assist in the composition and fulfillment (if granted a Full Status Charter) of legislation before and after the RYP Session.

The Premier of an RYP is responsible for aiding his or her Cabinet in the following ways:

1. Act as a liaison between Cabinet and the Minister of RYPs;
2. Ensure that the Attorney General has prepared all proposed legislation to be presented to Cabinet at the legislative weekend meeting;
3. Ensure that all proposed legislation and resolutions would not jeopardise the RYP's status as a legitimate organisation;
4. Ensure that all Bill Presenting Ministers have prepared and sent their appropriate legislation to the Attorney General by a date set by the Attorney General;
5. Organize and execute a leg-weekend meeting to review legislation and plans for the Sessional year;
6. Ensure that the Leader of the Opposition receives all proposed government legislation at least two weeks prior to the scheduled date of the RYP Session to allow the Leader of the Opposition to hold an anti-legislation weekend meeting;
7. Submit all Tabled Reports and Continuity Reports to the Chief Clerk by the deadline set by the Chief Clerk;
8. Ensure that letters requesting written and verbal greetings are sent out by the RYP's Regional Secretary at least one month prior to the RYP Session;
9. Approve all correspondence sent out by Members of Cabinet on behalf of the RYP; and
10. Refer to the RYP's *Ministerial Responsibilities Act* and the *RYP Handbook* for additional ways to aid his or her Cabinet.

During the RYP Session, an RYP Premier is expected to:

1. Take the Oath of Office and Oath of the Lieutenant Governor during the first sitting of the House;
2. Adhere to and ensure that his or her Cabinet adheres to the Standing Orders of the House at all times;
3. Ensure that legislation is presented in a tasteful and protocol adhering manner;
4. Aid Members of the House in learning about parliamentary procedure; and
5. Encourage Members to participate in the RYP.

The Premier of an RYP is expected to meet the deadlines, set by the Chief Clerk, to submit the following documents to the Chief Clerk to be published in the RYP Journal:

1. The dedication,
2. The Speech from the Throne,
3. The Prorogation Speech, and
4. A list of all persons who made valuable contributions to the success of the RYP, to be included in the Resolution of Thanks.

Following deadlines set by the Chief Clerk, an RYP Premier must:

1. Design and create a cover for the RYP Journal, to be given to the Chief Clerk;

2. Forward a copy of all proposed legislation to the Chief Clerk;
3. Forward a paper flow schedule, created by the Attorney General, to the Chief Clerk;
4. Be available to sign the Journal in places indicated by the Chief Clerk.

When the RYP's legislation is sent to the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee (RYPMC) to review, the Premier must act as a representative for the Legislative Assembly or appoint a delegate to do so. The delegate must ensure that all appropriate corrections, at the request of the RYPMC are made.

After the RYP Session, an RYP Premier must act on behalf of the whole House. He or she must ensure that all Orders in Council (OIC) passed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGINC) are sent to the RYPMC for review.

Premiers of Full Status RYPs must ensure that the Minister of RYPs approves all events no later than three days prior to the proposed date of the event. If the Minister of RYPs does not approve a proposed event, the Premier is required to cancel the proposed event.

Upon request of the Minister of RYPs, Full Status RYP Premiers must submit written reports outlining the RYP's activities to date and planned activities.

At the close of the RYP's Sessional year, the RYP Premier must compose a continuity report compiled of suggestions and ideas for the Premier-elect. If possible, the RYP Premier should hold a Cabinet meeting to gain input from Cabinet on the Sessional year.

If an RYP Charter is revoked, the Cabinet of the RYP may send comments to the Minister of RYPs through the RYP Premier within two weeks of receiving the revocation.

If the Premier is forced to resign from office, he or she must immediately inform the Minister of RYPs. If the Premier is recalled following a vote of the BCYP LGINC, upon recommendation of the Minister of RYPs in consultation with the RYPMC, he or she must step down and hand over any materials belonging to the RYP and any pertinent files to the office to the newly appointed Premier.

REPORT ON REGIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

This report is submitted in accordance with section 19 of the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act, 1999* (Consolidated 2008).

The following policies apply to all Regional Youth Parliaments (RYPs) and may be revised in special circumstances at the discretion of the Minister of Finance, in consultation with the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee. For all matters not specifically covered in this report, please contact the Minister of Finance for further information.

Account structure

All Regional Youth Parliament money shall be held in the principal community service account administered by the Minister of Finance. Regulation of signing officers for this account is as legislated in the *Ministerial Responsibilities Act*. The Minister of Finance will keep a record of the amount allocated to each RYP and to the General RYP Account within the greater principle community service account.

All monies owing to a Regional Youth Parliament shall be made payable to British Columbia Youth Parliament. Similarly, all monies raised by a RYP must be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, who shall add the funds to the account held in trust for the Regional Youth Parliament accordingly.

All authorized expenses will be paid for by the Minister of Finance from the money held in trust for the respective RYP that incurred the expense. At any given time, the Minister of Finance will only cover authorized expenses up to the amount held for the Regional Youth Parliament.

The financial year of a RYP shall be the same as that for British Columbia Youth Parliament.

Regional Youth Parliament Financial Officers

Each Regional Planning Committee (RPC) must appoint a Financial Officer to act as a liaison between the Regional Youth Parliament and the Minister of Finance. This person may be a member of the RPC or a member of the RYP Cabinet, such as the RYP's Minister of Finance, or any other individual who is qualified to answer questions regarding the RYP's income and expenditures. This person may also change during the year, for example be a member of the RPC before Session and then be a member of the RYP Cabinet after Session, so long as the change is clearly communicated to the Minister of Finance. The Financial Officer must keep a record of authorized expenses as they are incurred as he or she may be contacted from time to time by the Minister of Finance to confirm the legitimacy of reimbursement requests and other payments.

Regional Youth Parliament Session budget and registration fee

Expenses necessary for a Regional Youth Parliament's Session will be determined in the form of a RPC budget, one of the components of the Charter Application. The budget must be approved by the Minister of Finance before the Charter Application is submitted to the RYPMC.

The registration fee levied against RYP Members will be determined by the Minister of Finance in consultation with the RPC. The fee shall be set such that the projected total revenue generated from the fee plus a reasonable portion of the RYP carryover, if carryover from the previous year exists, will be sufficient to cover the expenses deemed necessary under the RPC budget. RYPs also have the option of increasing the registration fee in order to cover expenses that have a reasonable chance of being legislated by the RYP Membership at Session in the form of a *Supply Act*. (If a RYP wishes to run legislated projects that incur expenses over and above the amount generated by the registration fee increase it may organize fundraising activities to generate the required money. See below for more details.) If a RYP wishes to pursue this option, they should communicate this to the Minister of Finance through the RPC.

Regional Youth Parliament budget and fundraising

A Regional Youth Parliament may pass a *Supply Act* outlining the expenses it expects to incur as it fulfills its legislation, as authorized by the RYP Membership. The purpose of a *Supply Act* or any other form of RYP-developed budget is simply to clarify the manner in which the Membership would like the RYP's money to be spent. A *Supply Act* is subject to scrutiny by the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee during Legislative Review. It is also subject to the constraints of this report, including the fact that the Minister of Finance will only cover authorized expenses up to the amount held for the RYP, as has already been stated.

A RYP may organize fundraising activities to generate the money required to run its legislated projects. As already stated, monies raised must be forwarded to the Minister of Finance who will then adjust the amount held for the Regional Youth Parliament accordingly.

Regional Youth Parliament with financial restrictions budget and fundraising

A RYP with financial restrictions in place may not legislate any Act or Resolution involving the raising of money.

A RYP with financial restrictions may not fundraise money. If a financially restricted RYP wishes to implement an activity legislated at Session that requires the expenditure of money, they may apply for funding under the provisions of the RYP Initiative Projects Fund.

Reimbursement procedures

All individuals must **apply** for the reimbursement of their RYP related expenses by following these guidelines:

1. Receipts and invoices must be forwarded to the Minister of Finance **within two weeks** of the expense being incurred. If the receipt or invoice is not available for forwarding within that timeframe, the individual should contact the Minister of Finance to indicate that an expense has been incurred and that an application for reimbursement will be forthcoming.
2. Individuals are also responsible for communicating with their Financial Officer to ensure that a record of the expense is kept for the RYP's internal financial records. The Minister of Finance may contact the Financial Officer to confirm the legitimacy of the expense.
3. Receipts and invoices **must have the following information recorded** either directly on them or on an accompanying piece of paper:

RYP's name;

Who the cheque should be written out to;

What items were purchased;

The date the items were purchased;

The total amount including taxes.

RYPs may wish to adopt a policy requiring individuals to record more detailed information than is required by the Minister of Finance. In that case, the RYP should contact the Minister of Finance to negotiate a mutually convenient procedure.

4. Individuals should make photocopies of their receipts and invoices before forwarding them to the Minister of Finance in case their application for reimbursement gets lost in the mail.
5. Individuals may submit their applications for reimbursement via mail, at BCYP events or at RYP events. However, the Minister of Finance reserves the right to refuse hand delivered requests at certain events and ask those individuals to submit their receipts by mail or at the next event.
6. The minimum amount for which cheques will be issued is \$5.00. If a person's reimbursement request is less than \$5.00, the Minister of Finance will keep that request on file until the individual submits additional applications that bring the total amount requested above the \$5.00 minimum or until the end of the financial year, whichever comes first, at which time a cheque will be issued.
7. If an individual has lost a receipt, he or she should write a note explaining the details of the expense and the reason that there is no documentation, however **the Minister of Finance reserves the right to not reimburse expenses that do not have proper receipt or invoice documentation.**

Further information on reimbursement policies can be found in the *Report on Financial Policies*.

General RYP Account inflow: Regional Youth Parliament Carryover and Inactive Funds

At the end of every financial year, excess funds over \$500 held in a Regional Youth Parliament account shall be removed and placed in the General RYP account to ensure that each RYP's carryover is not in excess of \$500. In the event that an RYP has been inactive for two consecutive years, at the end of the second financial year all funds in the RYP's account will be transferred into the General RYP account.

At the end of every financial year, excess funds over \$1000 held in the General RYP account shall be reallocated to BCYP revenue at the discretion of the Minister of Finance to ensure that the General RYP account carryover is not in excess of \$1000.

General RYP Account outflow: new Initiate Parliaments, revival Initiate Parliaments, Returning Parliaments in financial crisis and the RYP Initiative Projects Fund

The purpose of the General RYP account is to provide financial support for Initiate Parliaments, that are either an entirely new RYP or a revival of a previously existing RYP, and for the RYP Initiatives Projects Fund.

The funding provided from the GRYP is not intended to subsidize the entire cost of Session, but rather to assist in lowering the registration fee so that the RYP will be able to attract enough applicants. The registration fee will be calculated based on the

projected RPC expenses and projected size of the membership, to a figure deemed to be within the financial means of the majority of the membership.

Outflow of GRYP A: Initiate parliament

Criteria:

Money shall be given to an Initiate Parliament based on financial need as determined by the Minister of Finance.

Persons wishing to receive funding from the General RYP account must apply through the following procedures:

They must demonstrate to the Minister of Finance that there is a need for the financial assistance.

They must submit a Charter Application Budget to the Minister of Finance in order to determine the amount of money to be funded to the parliament.

Upon a successful review of the budget, a Charter application must be made to be reviewed by the RYPMC.

Outflow of GRYP A: revival Initiate Parliament

Criteria:

Revival Initiate Parliaments are those parliaments which have been inactive for two or more years, but which had carryover from the existing parliament that has since been moved into the GRYP A. These Parliaments are entitled to the carryover from the previous Parliament except under circumstances where it is not within the means of the GRYP A to do so. If in the event that the revival Parliament requires further financial assistance, than they must prove to the Minister of Finance that without the funding, their membership fees will be too high to attract enough members. Funding will only be granted in the event that it does not detract from the funding allocated to an Initiate Parliament or a revival Parliament without carryover.

Application Process:

Persons wishing to receive funding for a revival Parliament must notify the Minister of Finance. In the event that they need more funding from the GRYP A after getting back the “original money” than they must apply through the following procedures:

They must demonstrate to the Minister of Finance that there is a need for the financial assistance.

They must submit a Charter Application Budget to the Minister of Finance in order to determine the amount of money to be funded to the parliament.

Upon a successful review of the budget, a Charter application must be made to be reviewed by the RYPMC.

Outflow of GRYP A: returning Parliaments in financial crisis

Criteria:

Returning Parliaments in financial crisis are those parliaments that have previously been active, but which have no existing carryover and which without financial assistance from the GRYP A, will be unable to continue running an RYP.

Application Process:

They must demonstrate to the Minister of Finance that there is a need for the financial assistance.

They must submit a Charter Application Budget to the Minister of Finance in order to determine the amount of money to be funded to the parliament.

Upon a successful review of the budget, a Charter application must be made to be reviewed by the RYPMC.

If in the event a Charter application is granted and funding from the GRYP C has also been granted and the RYP is cancelled before session, then reimbursement maybe be granted by the Minister of Finance for non-refundable and necessary expenses incurred before the date of cancellation.

Outflow of GRYP A: RYP Initiative Projects Fund

The Initiative projects fund is a fund designed to provide funding in the amount of \$100.00 to a worthwhile Initiate Project that is in financial need. Guidelines for applying to this account can be found in the Tabled Report on RYP Initiate Projects.

STATEMENT OF CHARTERHOOD

By expressing a desire to expand the Youth Parliament movement in the Lower Mainland East region, and to facilitate the discussion of issues that are important the youth of the region, the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament is hereby Chartered as a Model Status Regional Youth Parliament, in accordance with sections 10 and 13 of the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act*, on the 2nd day of May, 2008.

This Charter shall expire one year from the date of issue.

Ms Karen Ratchford
Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments
80th British Columbia Youth Parliament

Mr. Tyler
Premier
80th British Columbia Youth Parliament

Mr. Shyam Singh
Premier
17th Lower Mainland East Parliament

Ms Laura Cuthbert
Attorney General
17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Lower Mainland East Parliament

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

The House met at 1845 hours.

OPENING CEREMONIES.

This being the first day of the First Session of the Seventeenth Lower Mainland Youth Parliament for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable Jonathan Cote, Lieutenant Governor, dated the 1st day of May, 2009, the Members took their seats, after having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the House, took His seat on the Throne.

The Honourable *Krishna Vinnakota* (Parliamentary Secretary and Deputy Premier) said:

“MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to announce that He does not see fit to declare the cause of His summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor hopes to be able to declare during the evening His reasons for calling you together.”

His Honour then retired from the House.

MOVED by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance), and SECONDED by *Kayla Briere* (Leader of the Opposition) that the *Standing Orders of the Seventeenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament* be now adopted as the authority by which this House is governed.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

MOVED by *Diamond Isinger* (Burnaby-Lougheed), and SECONDED by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance) that Mr. *Tyler Allison*, Member for King’s Head, do take the Speaker’s Chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly.

CARRIED

Ms *Karen Ratchford*, Clerk of the House, declared Mr. *Tyler Allison* duly elected Speaker.

Mr. *Tyler Allison* was taken from his place by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance) and *Kayla Briere* (Leader of the Opposition) and, after a nearly successful escape from the building, conducted to the Chair where, standing on the upper step, he said:

“I beg to tender you, Members of this Youth Parliament, my sincere and hearty thanks for the high honour you have conferred on me by electing me as your Speaker. It will be my pleasure, as well as my duty, to deserve that honour by dealing with all questions which come before me with firmness and impartiality. I realize my unfitness for this position, but I rely upon the cooperation of all Honourable Members of this House to assist me in maintaining our rules and regulations, and in preserving the integrity and freedom of debate according to ancient usages.”

The Honourable Speaker then declared a short recess in order to robe, returning robed and with a mascot in a lawn chair.

REFLECTIONS.

The Honourable Speaker then called upon the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance) to lead the House in reflection.

READING OF THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER.

The Honourable Speaker then called upon the Clerk to read the Election Report of the Chief Returning Officer.

“Whereas it has been necessary to hold elections in the electoral districts of the Lower Mainland East;

I Hereby certify that, from the returns received, the duly elected Members of the Seventeenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament are as follows:

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	ELECTED MEMBER
Abbotsford West.....	Elaine Samuel
Burnaby–Lougheed.....	David Park
Burnaby North.....	Diamond Isinger
Burquitlam.....	Josh Coletti
Coquitlam Mallardville.....	Krishna Vinnakota

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Fort Langley-Aldergrove.....	Peter Horton
King's Head.....	Tyler Allison
Maple Ridge-Meadows.....	Shyam Singh
New Westminster.....	Paolo Camporese
Port Coquitlam.....	Veronica Cho
Scranton.....	Oriana Camporese
Surrey-Green Timbers.....	Steven James
Surrey-Fleetwood.....	Hwan Jeon
Surrey-Newton.....	Devon Briere
Surrey-Panorama.....	Yesha Ouyang
Surrey-Tynehead.....	Peter Elverum
Surrey-Whalley.....	Stuart Knott
Surrey-Whiterock.....	Kayla Briere

Yours very truly,

Aliya Jiwa
Chief Returning Officer”

ORDERS TO THE CLERK.

The Honourable Speaker then said:

“To the Clerk of the Youth Parliament:

ORDERED: That the Election Report of the Chief Returning Officer of the results of the election of members be entered on the Journal of the House.

ORDERED: That the Votes and Proceedings of this House first be perused by the Speaker, and that he do approve and appoint the printing thereof, and no person print the same.

ORDERED: That Ms *Oriana Camporese*, Member for Scranton, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.”

The Honourable Speaker then said:

“Members of the Youth Parliament, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor is about to enter the House.”

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the House, took His seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Speaker, standing immediately to the right of His Honour, said:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The Members of the Youth Parliament have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfill the important duties thus assigned to me. If in the performance of those duties I should at any time fall into error, I pray fault be imputed to me, and not to this House whose servant I am. May this House be better able to discharge their duties to the youth of the Lower Mainland East region by being given all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour’s person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.”

The Honourable *Krishna Vinnakota* (Parliamentary Secretary and Deputy Premier) said:

“HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, to declare to you that He freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House to the youth of the Lower Mainland East region and not doubting that your respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, He grants and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the House shall have ready access to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor upon all seasonable occasions, and that your proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from Him the most favourable construction.”

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then opened the First Session of the Seventeenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament by reading the following gracious speech:

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

“HONOURABLE SPEAKER, HONOURED GUESTS AND HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE SEVENTEENTH LOWER MAINLAND EAST YOUTH PARLIAMENT;

I am very happy to have you here. Whether this is your first Parliament experience or your last, my humble salutations. I warmly welcome you and honour you for joining this Parliament. In being here, you have expressed a desire to effectuate change in current issues and events taking place locally and worldwide while facilitating our nation's parliamentary process. Thus, you deserve the title for you are indeed honourable. As well, you achieve the two-fold aim of this organization.

I hope you are all prepared to attain a very fulfilling and enjoyable experience over the next three days. This will happen through everyone voicing their opinions freely over any issue chosen to be discussed and voted upon. I strongly urge every member of the House to stand up and allow your voice to be clearly heard while at the same time being open-minded to other opinions.

This weekend's legislation will come from your honourable government. You will debate acts to define what this organization is about, outline your Parliament's governing laws and how you will conduct yourself throughout the course of the year. Know that it is your responsibility as honourable members of the house to pass these acts after making amendments that are prudent and conscientious so as to serve the best interests of yourself, the youth, the nation and the world.

This parliament is one that will cause you to grow and learn under its direction. I urge you all to use this opportunity that only the select few inside these walls have and endeavour to better yourselves and your communities through it.

I take my leave knowing that your thoughts will be provoked and your opinions will be influential in the coming year as we take another step towards ultimately offering all that we can to our fellow youth.

Thank you and sincerest wishes.”

His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, then handed the *Speech from the Throne* to the Speaker and then, followed by the Honourable Speaker, retired from the House.

The Honourable Speaker then returned and said:

“In order to prevent mistakes, I have obtained a copy of His Honour's speech.”

PRO FORMA BILL.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that a Bill intituled *An Act To Ensure The Supremacy of Parliament* be introduced and read a first time now.

Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) read:

“This Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament is an important part of our democratic process. The purpose of this Bill, and its introduction prior to consideration of the Throne Speech, is to perpetuate the established right of Parliament, through its elected representatives, to sit and act without leave from the Crown.

This Bill simply asserts the right of the Legislative Assembly to give precedence to matters other than those expressed by the Sovereign.

Introducing it at this point in the opening proceedings of this Legislative Assembly is a tradition that dates back to the reign of Elizabeth I when on March 22, 1603, Parliament first recorded this assertion of independence from the Crown for purposes of legislation.”

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General).

CARRIED

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at a future sitting of the House.

RECESS.

The House recessed from 1923 to 1935.

[The Clerk would like to apologize forgetting about the Signing of the Oath, but in her defense the real Head Clerk was no where to be found ☺]

The House resumed.

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Verbal Greetings:

- Ms Aliya Jiwa, Minister of Service and Lower Mainland of the 80th British Columbia Youth Parliament.

MOVED by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance) that the Speech of His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, be considered now and that this order have precedence over all business until disposed of.

CARRIED

MOVED by the Honourable *Krishna Vinnakota* (Parliamentary Secretary and Deputy Premier), and SECONDED by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier) that a humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, as follows:

“TO HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF LOWER MAINLAND EAST YOUTH PARLIAMENT:

We, Her Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.”

A debate arose.

The Premier should be advised to not quit his day job (but break a leg in Rent!), and the Clerk would like to remind the Ambassador from Victoria about the discrepancy between UBC’s and UVic’s entrance standards.

MOVED by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier) that the Minister of Communications be now heard.

DEFEATED

Motion negatived.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Krishna Vinnakota* (Parliamentary Secretary and Deputy Premier).

CARRIED

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

MOVED by the Honourable *Elaine Samuel* (Service and Archives) that a Bill intituled *Parliamentary Activities Act, 2009*, be introduced and read a first time now.

CARRIED

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at a future sitting of the House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS.

MOVED by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General),

RESOLUTION (NO. 1)

IN SUPPORT OF THE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE VERBALIZING A DOG (DAWG) BARK ACCOMPANIED WITH A FIST IN THE AIR AT EVERY MENTION OF THE SPEAKER

WHEREAS The Speaker’s position is one of great responsibility and merit and therefore is worth special recognition;

AND WHEREAS It will help members of the House regularly clear their throats;

AND WHEREAS By clearing our throats more often, we will drink less water, thus resulting in the world’s water sources being depleted at a slower rate;

AND WHEREAS making a collective sound will help foster a sense of family amongst the members of the House.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament verbalizing a dog bark accompanied with a fist in the air at every mention of the Speaker/
- The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - the Speaker of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament,
 - the Members of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, and
 - the Clerks of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

A debate arose.

MOVED by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that the Standing Orders be suspended to demonstrate a dog bark.

CARRIED

Standing Orders suspended.

[A dog bark was demonstrated. The Clerk doesn't know if it was awesome or not, but is guessing not. The Speaker concurs.]

Standing Orders resumed.

Debate resumed on the motion by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General).

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance), and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney).

DEFEATED

Resolution negatived.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance),

RESOLUTION (NO. 2)**IN SUPPORT OF EVERY RECESS STARTING WITH A SONG AND DANCE ROUTINE PERFORMED BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION TO A SONG OF THE PREMIER'S CHOICE**

WHEREAS the recess will have a unique flare;

WHEREAS New Westminster city hall has amazing acoustics, begging to reverb;

WHEREAS the gentle subtleties of the Leader of the Opposition's voice;

WHEREAS it shows the commitment of both parties to the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports every recess starting with a song and dance routine by the Leader of the Opposition to a song of the Premier's Choice.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communication this position to
 - (a) the Leader of the Opposition of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament,
 - (b) the Premier of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament,
 - (c) the Speaker of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, and
 - (d) the Clerks of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

A debate arose.

MOVED by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance) that the House adjourn until 0930 hours, Saturday 2 May 2009.

CARRIED

And then the House adjourned at 2018 hours.

TYLER ALLISON
Speaker of the House

KAREN RATCHFORD
Acting Chief Clerk of the House

2009 Legislative Session: 1st Session, 17th Parliament

No. 2

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009

The House met at 0932 hours, Mr. Speaker in the Chair with his 3000 yuan tie.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

PRAYERS OR REFLECTIONS.

Reflections by *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General).

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Verbal Greetings:

1. Ellie Chalkman, Member, 80th British Columbia Youth Parliament.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that a Bill intituled *Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament Amendment Act, 2009*, be introduced and read a first time now.

CARRIED

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at a future sitting of the House.

QUESTION PERIOD.

The House proceeded to a sixteen minute Question Period.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Second Reading of Bills.

MOVED by the Honourable *Elaine Samuel* (Service and Archives) that Bill (No. 2), *Parliamentary Activities Act, 2009*, be read a second time now.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Elaine Samuel* (Service and Archives).

CARRIED

Bill read a second time and *Referred* to a Committee of the Whole House for consideration.

Committee Stage of Bills.

Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) called Committee of the Whole to debate Bill (No. 2).

The House in Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 2); Ms Oriana Camporese in the chair.

The House resumed, Mr. Speaker in a stripey zippy purple tie.

The Committee rose and reported Bill (No. 2), *Parliamentary Activities Act, 2009*, complete without amendment.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for a third reading at a future sitting.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

Debate resumed on the motion by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance),

RESOLUTION (NO. 2)
IN SUPPORT OF EVERY RECESS STARTING WITH A SONG AND DANCE ROUTINE PERFORMED BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION TO A SONG OF THE PREMIER'S CHOICE

WHEREAS the recess will have a unique flare;

WHEREAS New Westminster city hall has amazing acoustics, begging to reverb;

WHEREAS the gentle subtleties of the L of O's voice;

WHEREAS it shows the commitment of both parties to the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports every recess starting with a song and dance routine by the Leader of the Opposition to a song of the Premier's Choice.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communication this position to
 - (a) the Leader of the Opposition of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament,
 - (b) the Premier of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament,
 - (c) the Speaker of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, and
 - (d) the Clerks of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

A debate arose.

It was determined that the Leader of the Opposition sounds like a cat in a lawnmower.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance).

DEFEATED

YEAS – 6

NAYS – 9

Motion negatived.

MOVED by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General),

RESOLUTION (NO. 3)
IN SUPPORT OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX APPLYING SOLELY TO AEROSOL CANS.

WHEREAS the contents of aerosol cans pollute the environment;

WHEREAS aerosol cans are not made out of recycled fabrics;

WHEREAS aerosol cans are dangerous: in intense heat as the contents are under severe pressure and may explode.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament support an additional tax applying solely to aerosol cans.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communication this position to the
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Minister of the Environment of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by the *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General).

CARRIED

Resolution agreed to.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Krishna Vinnokata* (Deputy Premier and Parliamentary Secretary),

RESOLUTION (NO. 4)
IN SUPPORT OF FIVE PIN BOWLING BECOMING CANADA’S NATIONAL SPORT

WHEREAS bowling balls were originally made from granite, one of Canada’s largest exports;

WHEREAS five pin bowling was created by Torontonian T.E. Ryan, a Canadian;

WHEREAS Canadians are sociable and bowling is one of the most social games around.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament support five pin bowling becoming Canada’s national support.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Minister of State (Sport) of Canada,
 - (b) the President of the National Lacrosse Association, and
 - (c) the Commissioner of the National Hockey League.

A debate arose.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that the House adjourn until 1300 hours on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

CARRIED

And then the House adjourned at 1206 hours.

TYLER ALLISON
Speaker of the House

SUSIE BOWLES
Chief Clerk of the House

2009 Legislative Session: 1st Session, 17th Parliament

No. 3

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009

The House met at 1318 hours. The Speaker now attired in a magical sparkly pink tie.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

REFLECTIONS.

Reflections by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria).

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Verbal Greetings:

1. Ms Susie Bowles, Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations, 80th British Columbia Youth Parliament, and flakiest Regional Head Clerk.

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS.

Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) tabled the Report on Senate Legislative Review of the 16th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

Honourable *Elaine Samuel* (Service and Archives) rose to present the Service Report of the 16th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

Honourable *Shyam Singh* (Premier and Finance) rose to present the Financial Statements of the 15th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that a Bill (No. 4), *Ministerial Responsibilities Amendment Act, 2009*, be introduced and read a first time now.

CARRIED

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for a second reading at a future sitting of the House.

QUESTION PERIOD.

The House proceeded to a thirteen minute Question Period.

It was determined that the Speaker doesn't like the 400 meter dash, and thinks he is both fun and safe. Also, the House is full of flaming racists.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Second Reading of Bills.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that Bill (No. 3), *Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament Amendment Act, 2009*, be read a second time now.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General).

CARRIED

Bill read a second time and *Referred* to a Committee of the Whole House for consideration.

Committee Stage of Bills.

Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) called Committee of the Whole to debate Bill (No. 3).

The House in Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 3); Ms *Oriana Camporese* in the chair with wonderful hair.

CALLED TO THE BAR.

MOVED by *Krishna Vinnokata* (Deputy Premier and Parliamentary Secretary) that Ms *Karen Ratchford*, Acting Head Clerk, be called to the bar for the purposes of demonstrating her Regional Youth Parliament knowledge.

CARRIED

Karen Ratchford at the bar.

The Clerk has somehow been imbued with all things RYP.

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Karen Ratchford dismissed.

The House resumed, Mr. Speaker with a tie, the colour unknown.

The Committee rose and reported Bill (No. 3) complete with amendment.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for a third reading at a future sitting of the House.

Third Reading of Bills.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that Bill (No. 2), *Parliamentary Activities Act, 2009*, be read a third time now.

CARRIED

Bill read a third time and passed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

MOVED by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria) that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to partake in a rendition of the “Penguin Song.”

CARRIED

Standing Orders suspended.

The Clerks were released from the bowels of City Hall to join the fun in their Penguin Suits.

Standing Orders resumed.

MOVED by *Diamond Isinger* (Burnaby-North) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that Standing Order 26 be suspended for the purpose of receiving verbal greetings.

CARRIED

Standing Order 26 suspended.

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Verbal Greetings:

1. Ms Jessica McElroy, Member, 80th British Columbia Youth Parliament.

The House received verbal greetings from Jessica McElroy, BCYP spawn and mentee of the Clerk. Jessica wishes that she was a member of LMEYP but tragically has to earn money instead. ‘Nucks or nothing.’

Standing Order 26 resumed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS.

MOVED by *Steven James* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and SECONDED by *Kayla Briere* (Leader of the Opposition),

RESOLUTION (NO. 7)

IN SUPPORT OF BANNING THE TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS FROM THE CBC

WHEREAS the Leafs have not won a Stanley Cup in over 40 years, yet still claim to heed publicity as a dynasty;

AND WHEREAS Toronto is only one city on Earth;

AND WHEREAS the name “Toronto Maple Leafs” uses an inaccurate plural version of “Leaf”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the ban of the Toronto Maple Leafs from the CBC.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to:
 - (a) Bob Cole, the owner of the Maple Leafs, and
 - (b) the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

A debate arose.

MOVED by *Hwan Jeon* (Surrey-Fleetwood) and SECONDED by *Michael Thejomayen* (Ambassador for Vancouver-Point Grey) that section 2 paragraph (c) be added to read:

- (c) the Leaf Nation.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by *Hwan Jeon* (Surrey-Fleetwood) and SECONDED by *Michael Thejomayen* (Ambassador for Vancouver-Point Grey).

CARRIED

Motion agreed to.

Debate resumed on the motion by *Steven James* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and SECONDED by *Kayla Briere* (Leader of the Opposition), as amended.

Question put on the motion by *Steven James* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and SECONDED by *Kayla Briere* (Leader of the Opposition), as amended:

RESOLUTION (NO. 7)
IN SUPPORT OF BANNING THE TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS FROM THE CBC

WHEREAS the Leafs have not won a Stanley Cup in over 40 years, yet still claim to heed publicity as a dynasty;

AND WHEREAS Toronto is only one city on Earth,

AND WHEREAS the name “Toronto Maple Leafs” uses an inaccurate plural version of “Leaf”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the ban of the Toronto Maple Leafs from the CBC.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to:
 - (a) Bob Cole, the owner of the Maple Leafs,
 - (b) the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and
 - (c) the Leaf Nation.

CARRIED

Resolution agreed to.

MOVED by *Yesha Ouyang* (Surrey-Panorama) and SECONDED by *Hwan Jeon* (Surrey-Fleetwood),

RESOLUTION (NO. 8)
IN SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE DEVELOPING SKYNET AS A SERVICE PROJECT

WHEREAS Skynet will facilitate and uphold the democratic ideals of our nation by eliminating 99% of the population and empowering the remaining 1% to vote for John Conner;

AND WHEREAS the creation of Terminators by Skynet will greatly reduce the worldwide production of greenhouse gases by destroying everything in sight;

AND WHEREAS saving the environment is of the utmost concern;

AND WHEREAS saving the environment means happier polar bears.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the members of the house developing Skynet as a service project.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the members of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament,
 - (b) Microsoft, and
 - (c) everyone else in the world.

A debate arose.

[The Clerk would like to take a moment to reflect upon the demise of a rather excellent television show, The Sarah Connor Chronicles.]

Question put on the motion by *Yesha Ouyang* (Surrey-Panorama) and SECONDED by *Hwan Jeon* (Surrey-Fleetwood).

DEFEATED

Resolution negated.

MOVED by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria) and SECONDED by *Paige Strand* (Fort Langley-Aldergrove #2),

RESOLUTION (NO. 6)
IN SUPPORT OF LEGALIZING MARIJUANA

WHEREAS marijuana is currently one of the largest sources of income for gangs;

AND WHEREAS the medicinal uses of marijuana are diverse;

AND WHEREAS numerable long-term studies regarding marijuana related health risks have proved inconclusive;

AND WHEREAS the legalization of marijuana can effectively improve the economy in several industries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the legalization of marijuana.
- 2 The Provincial Secretary communicate this position to:
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Minister of Health.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria) and SECONDED by *Paige Strand* (Fort-Langley-Aldergrove #2).

CARRIED

YAYS – 7
NAYS – 6

Resolution agreed to.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

MOVED by *Paige Strand* (Fort Langley-Aldergrove #2) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that Standing Order 26 be suspended for the purpose of receiving verbal greetings.

CARRIED

Standing Order 26 suspended.

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Verbal Greetings:

1. Ms Dora Turje, Senator of 80th British Columbia Youth Parliament.

Standing Order 26 resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that the House adjourn until 1545 hours Saturday, May 2, 2009.

CARRIED

And then the House adjourned at 1528 hours.

TYLER ALLISON
Speaker of the House

SUSIE BOWLES
Chief Clerk of the House

2009 Legislative Session: 1st Session, 17th Parliament

No. 4

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009

The House met at 1548 hours, Mr. Speaker asleep in the Chair.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

PRAYERS OR REFLECTIONS.

Reflections by *James Shaw* (Ambassador for Powell River-Sunshine Coast).

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Verbal Greetings:

1. Ms Karen Ratchford, Minister of Regional Youth Parliament, External Affairs, and Deputy Minister of Camp Phoenix, 80th British Columbia Youth Parliament.

QUESTION PERIOD.

The House proceeded to a fifteen minute Question Period.

The Deputy Premier has a very clean and pure mind, while the Critic of Fish dislikes the French.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.**GOVERNMENT ORDERS.***Third Reading of Bills.*

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that Bill (No. 2), *Parliamentary Activities Act, 2009*, be read a third time now.

CARRIED

Bill read a third time and passed.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that Bill (No. 3), *Ministerial Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament Act, 2009*, be read a third time now.

CARRIED

Bill read a third time and passed.

Second Reading of Bills.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that Bill (No. 4), *Ministerial Responsibilities Amendment Act, 2009*, be read a second time now.

CARRIED

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General).

CARRIED

Bill read a second time and *Referred* to a Committee of the Whole House for consideration.

Committee Stage of Bills.

Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) called Committee of the Whole to debate Bill (No. 4).

The House in Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 4); Ms *Oriana Camporese* in the chair.

The House resumed, Mr. Speaker in the Chair awake.

The Committee rose and reported Bill (No. 4) complete with amendment.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for a third reading at the next sitting.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

MOVED by *Michael Thejomayen* (Ambassador for Vancouver-Point Grey) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Elaine Samuel* (Service and Archives),

RESOLUTION (NO. 9)

IN SUPPORT OF RECOGNIZING GOOGLE CHROME AS THE HARDER, BETTER, FASTER, STRONGER WEB BROWSER AND ESTABLISHING IT AS THE OFFICIAL WEB BROWSER OF BC SECONDARY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS Google Chrome is a fast, lean, web browser that is indeed easier to use;

AND WHEREAS Facebook and Youtube work more efficiently with Google Chrome;

AND WHEREAS Internet Explorer is definitely a less powerful browser;

AND WHEREAS Opera Software requires a paid license.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the recognition of Google Chrome as the harder, better, faster, stronger web browser and establishing it as the official web browser of BC secondary schools.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Minister of Education,
 - (b) the Premier of BC,
 - (c) the Superintendent of Vancouver Secondary Schools, and
 - (d) the founders of Google.

A debate arose.

The Internet is awesome, and everything is better in Chrome. Gmail is only the best invention since sliced bread.

Question put on the motion by *Michael Thejomayen* (Ambassador for Vancouver-Point Grey) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Elaine Samuel* (Service and Archives).

DEFEATED

Resolution negatived.

MOVED by *Peter Elverum* (Surrey-Tynehead) and SECONDED by *Hwan Jeon* (Surrey-Fleetwood),

RESOLUTION (NO. 14)

IN SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE STOCKPILING WEAPONS TO DERAIL THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

WHEREAS zombies are bad and will destroy the population of the Earth;

AND WHEREAS zombie viruses damage the environment;

AND WHEREAS zombies don't distinguish between animals and man;

AND WHEREAS having one's brain eaten is said to be painful.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the stockpiling of weapons to derail the zombie apocalypse.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the zombie hunters of Canada, and
 - (c) Umbrella Corporation.

A debate arose.

CALLED TO THE BAR.

MOVED by *Michael Thejomayen* (Ambassador for Vancouver-Point Grey) that the Speaker be called to the bar for the purpose of answering questions.

CARRIED

Mr. *Tyler Allison* at the bar.

The Speaker hates zombies, and is extremely knowledgeable about life after the apocalypse. It may be because he's from Penticton.

Mr. *Tyler Allison* dismissed from the bar.

Question put on the motion by *Peter Elverum* (Surrey-Tynehead) and SECONDED by *Hwan Jeon* (Surrey-Fleetwood).

CARRIED

RECESS.

The Speaker called a fifteen minute recess for the purpose of election speeches.

The House suspended from 1720 hours to 1735 hours.

The House resumed, Mr. *Zombie* in the Chair.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

MOVED by *James Shaw* (Ambassador for Powell River-Sunshine Coast) and SECONDED by *Diamond Isinger* (Burnaby North),

RESOLUTION (NO. 12)

IN SUPPORT OF MAKING THE LOGO FOR LOWER MAINLAND EAST YOUTH PARLIAMENT A PICTURE OF DEMI LOVATO WEARING HALF-GLOVES

WHEREAS Demi Lovato is a talented and inspirational musician;

AND WHEREAS Ms Lovato could serve as a role model for all members of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;

AND WHEREAS half-gloves are very stylish right now.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the use of a picture of Demi Lovato wearing half-gloves as the logo for Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the members of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, and
 - (b) Demi Lovato.

A debate arose.

Demi Lovato in three words: awful, awful, awful.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Krishna Vinnokata* (Deputy Premier and Parliamentary Secretary) that the Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of hearing Demi Lovato's song.

CARRIED

Standing Orders suspended.

Demi Lovato's song, even though the Clerk can hardly bear to call it music, made the Speaker's ears bleed. See the above Clerk's note for a more succinct description.

Standing Orders resumed.

Question put on the motion by *James Shaw* (Ambassador for Powell River-Sunshine Coast) and SECONDED by *Diamond Isinger* (Burnaby North).

DEFEATED

YAYS – 0
NAYS – 7

Resolution negatived.

MOVED by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador from Victoria) and SECONDED by *Hwan Jeon* (Surrey-Fleetwood),

RESOLUTION (NO. 13)
IN SUPPORT OF AN EXTRA 10 MINUTES TO REFLECT ON THE CLERKS' EPIC GREATNESS

WHEREAS they work so diligently and efficiently;

AND WHEREAS they are obscenely attractive;

AND WHEREAS after a poll from government, 11/10 members find them to be epic;

AND WHEREAS without them, LMEYP would cease to exist.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the allocation of an extra 10 minutes to reflect on the clerks' epic greatness.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Queen of Elizabeth,
 - (b) the Prime Minister of Canada,
 - (c) the President of the United States,
 - (d) the leader in the universe, and
 - (e) your mom.

A debate arose.

CALLED TO THE BAR.

MOVED by *Michael Thejomayen* (Ambassador for Vancouver-Point Grey) that the Speaker be called to the bar for the purpose of answering questions.

CARRIED

Mr. *Tyler Allison* at the bar.

The flakey Clerk ranks one out of ten on the Speaker's scale, but would be the one to save in the case of a zombie attack. That is if her truck didn't explode first.

Mr. *Tyler Allison* dismissed from the bar.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that the House adjourn until 0930 hours, Sunday May 3, 2009.

CARRIED

And then the House adjourned at 1823 hours.

TYLER ALLISON
Speaker of the House

SUSIE BOWLES
Chief Clerk of the House

2009 Legislative Session: 1st Session, 17th Parliament

No. 5

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009

The House met at 0934 hours; Mr. Speaker in the Chair mourning the loss of Sami Salo.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

PRAYERS OR REFLECTIONS.

Reflections by *Paolo Camporese* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition).

Highlights from the Reflections addressed to the Speaker: "Your political views are liberal and questionable agrarian/Your policies as Premier has been draconian...You laughed and learned with your new friend Jeremy/But little did you know that he would be your immortal enemy..."

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS.

Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) tabled the following Continuity Reports:

1. Premier of the 16th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;
2. Deputy Premier of the 8th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;
3. Minister of Communications of the 9th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;
4. Minister of Archives of the 10th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;
5. Parliamentary Secretary of the 10th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;
6. Minister of Archives of the 5th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;
7. Minister of Finance of the 10th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;
8. Service of the 10th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;
9. Leader of the Opposition of the 10th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

QUESTION PERIOD.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

MOVED by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria and Acting Premier) that Standing Order 51(3) be suspended so that questions may be asked to all Members of the House and Ambassadors.

CARRIED

Standing Order 51(3) suspended.

The House proceeded to a fifteen minute Question Period.

The Acting Premier likes smart women who can't shut up, the Critic of Fish is betting against the Canucks [resign!], the Deputy Premier is an illegal drunk and the Critic of Attorney General wears threatening ties.

MOVED by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria and Acting Premier) that Question Period be extended by a further 10 minutes.

CARRIED

The House proceeded to a further ten minute Question Period.

The Acting Premier wants to fight strange men while the Ambassador for Powell River-Sunshine Coast thinks MacDonald's in the height of fine dining. The Acting Premier referred to "one-sided 'Bromance'". The Speaker then spoke of Hardave Birk and Jeremy McElroy, as an example. The Speaker then bragged about how cool he is at UBC. Here the term 'cool' is relative. The Acting Premier claims to not be a racists, but the evidence is to the contrary (going even so far as to refer to a fellow member as a "coconut.")

Standing Order 51(3) resumed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Third Reading of Bills.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) that Bill (No. 4), *Ministerial Responsibilities Amendment Act, 2009*, be read a third time now.

CARRIED

Bill read a third time and passed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

MOVED by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria and Acting Premier) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General),

**RESOLUTION (NO. 10)
IN OPPOSITION TO INSITE**

WHEREAS drugs such as heroin and cocaine are illegal;

AND WHEREAS a recent government ruling has deemed that the government carries no constitutional responsibility towards housing a safe injection site;

AND WHEREAS tax dollars could be better spent on drug rehabilitation programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament is in opposition to Insite.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and
 - (c) the Minister of Health of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria and Acting Premier) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General).

DEFEATED

YAYS – 6
NAYS – 8

Resolution negated.

MOVED by the Honourable *Elaine Samuel* (Service and Archives) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General),

**RESOLUTION (NO. 16)
IN SUPPORT OF ABOLISHING THE ONE PASSENGER LIMIT ON THE CLASS 7N DRIVERS LICENSE**

WHEREAS the limit of one passenger prohibits legal carpooling and is therefore detrimental to the environment.

AND WHEREAS the limit is simply impractical.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the abolishment of the one passenger limit on the class 7N drivers license.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Minister of Transportation of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

Apparently ICBC invented the New Drivers rules so that young people can't drive during Grad. The Clerk thinks that that is ridiculous.

CALLED TO THE BAR.

MOVED by *Michael Thejomayen* (Ambassador for Vancouver-Point Grey) that Ms *Karen Ratchford* be called to the bar for the purposes of answering transit-related questions.

CARRIED

Ms *Karen Ratchford* at the bar.

The Clerk informed the Members about her various harrowing transit experiences, including the basis of her blood feud with Victoria transit. She is leaving the members to guess how she rated on the Head Stroker's Sex Scale.

Ms Karen Ratchford dismissed from the bar.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) and SECONDED by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria and Acting Premier) that Section 2 Paragraph (c) be amended by adding the following:

- (c) the Board of ICBC.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General) and SECONDED by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria and Acting Premier).

CARRIED

Motion agreed to.

Debate resumed on the motion by the Honourable *Elaine Samuel* (Service and Achives) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General), as amended.

The Minister of External Affairs is apparently going to be a grouchy old cat lady, with 13 to be exact.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Elaine Samuel* (Service and Achives) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney General), as amended:

RESOLUTION (NO. 16)

IN SUPPORT OF ABOLISHING THE ONE PASSENGER LIMIT ON THE CLASS 7N DRIVERS LICENSE

WHEREAS the limit of one passenger prohibits legal carpooling and is therefore detrimental to the environment.

AND WHEREAS the limit is simply impractical.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the abolishment of the one passenger limit on the class 7N drivers license.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the Minister of Transportation of British Columbia, and
 - (c) the Board of ICBC.

CARRIED

YEAS – 8

NAYS – 4

Resolution agreed to.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

MOVED by *Karn Safaya* (Ambassador for Victoria and Acting Premier) that the Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of singing “Little Herman”.

CARRIED

Standing Orders suspended.

Rather tragically, the members were far less involved in the song than the House Servant team. The Leader of the Opposition looked asleep, and the Deputy Premier looked lost.

Standing Orders resumed.

MOVED by *Peter Elverum* (Critic of Communications) and SECONDED by *Hwan Jeon* (Surrey-Fleetwood),

RESOLUTION (NO. 17)

IN SUPPORT OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE USING A NON-CANADIAN ACCENT WHEN SPEAKING IN THE HOUSE

WHEREAS the use of accents is multicultural;

AND WHEREAS Canada has the reputation of being multicultural;

AND WHEREAS it would prevent parliamentary procedures from sounding monotonous.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports members of the house using a non-Canadian accent when speaking in the house.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Prime Minister of Canada.

A debate arose.

The Clerk was subjected to any number of “accents” by the members, but is joining the Leader of the Opposition’s Facebook group. The Minister of External Affairs is of Korean descent, and thus that is where her heart and tongue truly belong. The Acting Premier is concerned about female Government bum-cuppers. The Speaker and the Clerk reminisced about Mousie Dong and her Sex For Dummies performance.

Question put on the motion by *Peter Elverum* (Critic of Communications) and SECONDED by *Hwan Jeon* (Surrey-Fleetwood).

CARRIED

Resolution agreed to.

MOVED by *Kayla Briere* (Leader of the Opposition) and SECONDED by *Paolo Camporese* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition),

**RESOLUTION (NO. 21)
IN OPPOSITION TO THE MOVIE “TWILIGHT”**

WHEREAS the movie is very unrealistic;

AND WHEREAS it is way too distracting to girls;

AND WHEREAS the book is poorly written;

AND WHEREAS the series presents a grossly misdirected representation of vampires;

AND WHEREAS it did not make for an enjoyable movie experience.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament is in opposition to the movie “Twilight”.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) Stephanie Meyer, author of “Twilight”,
 - (b) Girls,
 - (c) Fans who have read the books and watched the movies, and
 - (d) the actors of the films.

A debate arose.

THE CLERK HATES TWILIGHT!!! DEATH TO ROBERT PATTINSON!!

And in other news, the Deputy Premier should be escorted from the House, while the Acting Premier thinks that Edward Cullen should have joined parliament to get women.

MOVED by *Michael Thejomayen* (Ambassador for Vancouver-Point Grey) and SECONDED by *Paolo Camporese* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) that Section 2 Paragraphs (e) and (f) be added as follows:

(e) the Ministry of Education, and

(f) The Clerks of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

Question put on the motion by *Michael Thejomayen* (Ambassador for Vancouver-Point Grey) and SECONDED by *Paolo Camporese* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition).

CARRIED

Motion agreed to.

Debate resumed on the motion by *Kayla Briere* (Leader of the Opposition) and SECONDED by *Paolo Camporese* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), as amended.

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 - (d) the actors of the films,
 - (e) the Ministry of Education, and
 - (f) the Clerks of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

CARRIED

Resolution agreed to.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney) that the following Resolutions be printed in the Journal:

Resolution (No. 5) – In Support of Seasonal Human Migration to the Moon

Resolution (No. 11) –In Support of Banning Smoke Pits in BC High Schools

Resolution (No. 15) – In Support of Playtime During Class Time in Secondary Schools

Resolution (No. 18) – In Support of Banning Electricity in British Columbia

Resolution (No. 19) – In Support of Making the Pokemon Theme Song the Anthem of the British Columbia Government

Resolution (No. 20) – In Support of Banishing the Letter ‘Q’

CARRIED

Resolutions printed.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by the Honourable *Laura Cuthbert* (Attorney) that the House adjourn until 1300 hours, Sunday, May 3, 2009.

CARRIED

And then the House adjourned at 1201 hours.

TYLER ALLISON
Speaker of the House

SUSIE BOWLES
Chief Clerk of the House

2009 Legislative Session: 1st Session, 17th Parliament

No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009

The House met at 1306 hours.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

REFLECTIONS.

Reflections by *Karn Safaya* (Acting Premier and Ambassador for Victoria).

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

MOVED by *Karn Safaya* (Acting Premier and Ambassador), and SECONDED by *Kayla Briere* (Leader of the Opposition),

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

WHEREAS there are many persons other than Members who have made valuable contributions to the success of the Sixteenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;

AND WHEREAS Members of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament are deeply indebted to those persons for their contributions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS HOUSE COMMUNICATE ITS SINCEREST THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO:

- 1 New Westminster City Hall for the use of the committee room, Chamber, and photocopier.
- 2 The Servants of the House:

Speaker of the House:	Mr. Tyler Allison
Deputy Speaker:	Ms Oriana Camporese
Chair of the Regional Planning Committee:	Ms Oriana Camporese
Chief Returning Officer prior to session:	Ms Aliya Jiwa
Sessional Director:	Mr. Tyler Allison
Deputy Sessional Director:	Ms. Aliya Jiwa
Chief Clerk of the House:	Ms Susie Bowles
Clerks Assistant:	Ms Karen Ratchford
	Ms Emily Gage
	Ms Ellie Chalkman
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Ms Ellie Chalkman
Honourary Aide-de-Camp:	Ms Emily Gage
- 4 The following people for bringing verbal greetings:
 - Ms Dora Turje, Senator, Registrar, Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society
 - Mr. Tyler Allison, Premier of British Columbia Youth Parliament
 - Ms Ellie Chalkman, Critic for the Monarchy of British Columbia Youth Parliament
 - Ms Susie Bowles, Minister of Finance of British Columbia Youth Parliament
 - Ms Jessica McElroy, spawn of Youth Parliament
 - Ms Jillian Steger, Honourary member of British Columbia Youth Parliament
- 5 The following people for sending written greetings:
 - Ms Sasa Pudar, Minister of Camp Phoenix of British Columbia Youth Parliament
- 6 The members of the Regional Planning Committee for their efforts in organizing Session:
 - Ms Oriana Elena Camporese, Chair
 - Mr. Shyam Singh, Premier
 - Ms Kayla Briere, Leader of the Opposition
- 7 Ms Karen Ratchford, Ms Susie Bowles, Ms Emily Gage, Ms Ellie Chalkman and Ms Oriana Camporese for providing the clerks with computer equipment.
- 8 Ms Karen Ratchford, Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments of British Columbia Youth Parliament, for overseeing the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.
- 9 Ms Oriana Camporese for rocking so hard.

- 10 Ms Aliya Jiwa and Ms Emily Gage for acting as the official chauffeurs of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.
- 11 White Spot, Boston Pizza, McDonalds and Tim Horton's for feeding the clerks.
- 12 Subway, Panago, and the Heritage Grill for keeping food in the members' bellies.
- 13 Tim Horton's Double Double for not making Emily Gage a zombie.
- 14 Brian Markel, for graciously assisting the Regional Planning Committee in acquiring the use of the venue for the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.
- 15 The Camporese household, for acting as a hostel for wayward clerks and house servants.
- 16 Emily's car, Attila the Hyundai, and USB port, Streaker.
- 17 Any and all other persons and entities who contributed to the success of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

Question put on the Resolution of Thanks.

CARRIED

Resolution agreed to.

RECESS.

MOVED by *Karn Safaya* (Acting Premier and Ambassador for Victoria) that the House recess until 1350 hours.

CARRIED

The House suspended from 1320 hours to 1350 hours.

The House resumed.

PROROGATION CEREMONY.

The Honourable Speaker said:

“MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT:

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor is about to enter the House.”

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair –

The Honourable Speaker said:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The Seventeenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament has passed certain Acts to which the members respectfully request Your Honour's assent.”

Ms *Susie Bowles*, Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Parliamentary Activities Act, 2009

Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament Amendment Act, 2009

Ministerial Responsibilities Amendment Act, 2009

His Honour was pleased in His Majesty's name to give assent to the said Acts.

The said assent was announced by *Sasa Pudar*, Clerk of the House, in the following words:

“In His Majesty's name, His Honour doth assent to these Acts.”

His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, then read the Prorogation Speech as follows:

PROROGATION SPEECH

“Honourable Speaker, honoured guests and honourable members of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;

Many humble thanks for yet another dedicated weekend of Parliament.

I would like to thank the different facets of the House; my Government for their hard work in proposing legislation and carrying out their duties, the Opposition for their critique in order to solidify our legislation and to all members for speaking up and voting to the best of their abilities. In carrying out your responsibilities this weekend, you have shown true devotion for the world you live in as well as an enthusiasm for our parliamentary process.

You have passed these acts, meaning that you are dedicated to the workings of this parliament. From the massive to the minute, you have sought to crystallize how you are dutiful to yourselves and your fellow people.

When you leave from here, do not see this as the end of Session, see this as the horn that gets the race started. This weekend serves as the beginning of quite a wonderful journey. Honourable members, return to wherever it is that you call home, serve those around you and in doing so, serve yourselves. I genuinely commend you all for starting this voyage of being an influential part of this ever changing world and committing yourself to the goal of bettering ourselves.

Youth of the region, wherever in the world you may find yourselves, may you forever live in the true spirit of Youth Parliamentarianism.

Honourable Members, I hereby relieve you of your legislative duties.”

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Honourable *Krishna Vinnakota* (Parliamentary Secretary and Deputy Premier) said:

“HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF LOWER MAINLAND EAST YOUTH PARLIAMENT:

It is His Honour’s pleasure that this House be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for the dispatch of business and this Session of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament is hereby prorogued accordingly.”

All rose and sang “*O Canada*” and “*God Save the Queen*”.

The Honourable Speaker then left the Chair and the House prorogued at or about 1412 hours.

TYLER ALLISON
Speaker of the House

SUSIE BOWLES
Chief Clerk of the House

ORIANA CAMPORESE
Deputy Speaker

KAREN RATCHFORD
Acting Chief Clerk

EMILY GAGE
Clerk Assistant

ELLIE CHALKMAN
Clerk Assistant

ORIANA CAMPORESE
Regional Planning Committee Chair

ALIYA JIWA
Chief Returning Officer

AN ACT TO ENSURE THE SUPREMACY OF PARLIAMENT

This *Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament* is an important part of our democratic process. The purpose of this Bill, and its introduction prior to consideration of the Throne Speech, is to perpetuate the established right of Parliament, through its elected representatives, to sit and act without leave from the Crown.

This Bill simply asserts the right of the Legislative Assembly to give precedence to matters other than those expressed by the Sovereign.

Introducing it at this point in the opening proceedings of this Legislative Assembly is a tradition that dates back to the reign of Elizabeth I when on 22 March 1603, Parliament first recorded this assertion of independence from the Crown for purposes of legislation.

PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES ACT, 2009**Contents****Section**

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- 2 Group Service and Social Projects
- 3 Event Notification
- 4 Member Involvement
- 5 Sunset Provision

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, enacts as follows:

Principle

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament affirms the following guiding principles:
 - (a) Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament aims to promote the mental, physical, spiritual, and social well-being of the youth of British Columbia;
 - (b) Members are committed to maximizing the ability of youth to contribute positively within their communities;
 - (c) The participation of Members in youth oriented community projects is a worthwhile pursuit of Parliament's aims.

Group Service and Social Projects

- 2 The Minister of Service, in consultation with the Governor in Council, is responsible for at least
 - (a) 2 service projects, and
 - (b) one social activity.

Event Notification

- 3
 - (1) The Minister of Service is responsible for notifying the membership of events at least 2 weeks prior to the event when practicable.
 - (2) Each member must notify the Premier of any change in his or her contact information as soon as possible
 - (3) In the event of a project or activity being cancelled, Members must promptly be notified.

Member Involvement

- 4 All members are expected to fully commit themselves to participating in events during the Sessional year, thereby fulfilling the aims of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

Sunset Provision

- 5 This act expires at the opening of the first sitting of the 18th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

LOWER MAINLAND EAST YOUTH PARLIAMENT AMENDMENT ACT, 2009

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, enacts as follows:

- 1 *Section 13 is amended by adding “and must ensure social involvement of all members at Session” after “specified in Legislation”.*
- 2 *Section 15(2) be amended by replacing “Saturday” with “second day of Session”.*
- 3 *Section 16 be amended,*
 - (a) *by replacing “passed” with “attained”.*
 - (b) *by replacing “be over the age of 21” with “have attained his or her twenty-first birthday”.*
- 4 *Section 21 be amended by replacing “in this” with “by the provisions of this”.*
- 5 *Section 22 be amended by replacing “must only be amended” with “may be amended only”.*

**LOWER MAINLAND EAST YOUTH PARLIAMENT ACT, 2001
(CONSOLIDATED 2009)**

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An Act Authorizing the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament; Determining the Organization of Parliament; The Procedures to be Followed in the Session Thereof; the Number of Representatives; the Methods of Election; and Other Matters Pertaining to the Parliament.

Preamble

WHEREAS the British Columbia Youth Parliament deemed it expedient 1987 to call together Parliaments representing youth throughout the various regions of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the young people of New Westminster, Surrey, Coquitlam, Burnaby, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, and the surrounding areas shall utilize the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament to facilitate the discussion and debate of local, national and international issues, to offer leadership training and education in Parliamentary democracy, and to enable the undertaking of projects to promote the mental, physical, spiritual and social well-being of the young people of the aforementioned regions;

AND WHEREAS it is now expedient that the rules and regulations for the conduct and organization of said Parliament be set forth;

Name of Youth Parliament

- 1 The name of this Parliament is Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

Definitions

- 2 In this Act:

- “**Ambassadors**” means individuals from other Youth Parliaments who attend Parliament's activities in an official capacity;
- “**Cabinet**” means the collection of individuals authorized under the provisions of this Act to exercise the power of the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
- “**Candidates**” means the individuals who are nominated to Parliament;
- “**Leader of the Opposition**” means the executive head of the Shadow Cabinet;
- “**Legislative Assembly**” means the elected Members of the Legislature
- “**Legislature**” means the Legislative Assembly and the Lieutenant Governor;
- “**Lieutenant Governor**” derives his or her authority from Her Majesty. This authority is issued to open and prorogue the House and to grant Royal Assent to all legislation passed by Parliament;
- “**Lieutenant Governor in Council**” means the Cabinet exercising the powers of the Lieutenant Governor;
- “**Members**” means the individuals who have signed the Oath of the Lieutenant Governor and other functions authorized by legislation;
- “**Order in Council**” means a regulation issued by the Cabinet, having full force of Legislation, which adds new orders to any piece of Legislation passed by the Legislature;
- “**Premier**” means the executive head of the Legislature;
- “**Region**” means the areas of Abbotsford, Anmore, Belcarra, New Westminster, Surrey, Coquitlam, Burnaby, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Langley, Chilliwack and any other municipalities as defined by the Regional Planning Committee in consultation with the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments;
- “**Regional Planning Committee**” means the committee appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the British Columbia Youth Parliament. Its responsibilities shall include assisting and advising the Cabinet on all Sessional matters;
- “**Senate**” means the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the current Session of the British Columbia Youth Parliament;
- “**Shadow Cabinet**” means the individuals appointed by the Leader of the Opposition to critique legislation;
- “**Speaker**” means the chairperson elected by the Parliament to preside over the Legislative Assembly in its proceedings, as outlined in the Standing Orders.

Composition of Youth Parliament

- 3 Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament shall consist of a Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, the Senate, and a Legislative Assembly.

Pre-Sessional information

- 4 (1) The Regional Planning Committee shall distribute the following pre-sessional information to each accepted Electoral Candidate, returning Member, Senator, Ambassador, and House Servant of the current Session:
- (a) a copy of the most recent Standing Orders;
 - (b) a copy of all consolidated legislation to be amended;
 - (c) all proposed government legislation, with the sole exception of the *Supply Act*;
 - (d) those Private Member's Resolutions which have been submitted to and approved by the Attorney General;
 - (e) a pre-sessional newsletter to be published by Cabinet;
 - (f) a Parliamentary Handbook to be published by the Regional Planning Committee;
 - (g) any pertinent information regarding social events during Session,
- (2) The Regional Planning Committee must mail the pre-sessional information at least one week prior to Session when practicable.

General Sessional procedures

- 5 The size of the membership is at the discretion of the Regional Planning Committee.

Ambassadors

- 6 Ambassadors may be allowed to attend Session subject to the following:

- (a) Ambassadors must have full debating privileges at the discretion of the Speaker;
- (b) Ambassadors are not permitted to vote on legislation;
- (c) Ambassadors must pay a registration fee as set out by the Regional Planning Committee.

Legislation subject to Senate approval

- 7 Any act passed by Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament is subject to the approval of the Senate.

Standing Orders

- 8 The Legislative Assembly must follow the Standing Orders and Form and Procedures of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

Candidate qualifications

- 9 Every candidate for Parliament must
- (a) have attained his or her fourteenth but not his or her nineteenth birthday as of December 31st of the year in which the Session he or she is attending takes place,
 - (b) pay a registration fee as set out by the Regional Planning Committee, and
 - (c) be willing to take the following Oath of the Lieutenant Governor prior to taking his or her seat in Parliament: “I hereby promise that I shall do all in my powers to further the mental, physical, spiritual and social well-being of the youth of the Lower Mainland East region.”

Membership participation in activities

- 10
- (1) A member's participation in the activities of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament must be taken into account by the Regional Planning Committee when the member's application to return to Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament is considered.
 - (2) The members are encouraged to make every effort to attend events.
 - (3) In the event that a member is to be absent from an activity, it is the responsibility of the member to inform the Minister of Service prior to the activity.
 - (4) On the application form for the upcoming Session, returning members shall be given the opportunity to inform the Regional Planning Committee of their contributions to Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament during the previous year.

Regional Planning Committee

- 11
- (1) The Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments of British Columbia Youth Parliament must strike a Regional Planning Committee to organize each Session.
 - (2) The Regional Planning Committee must include
 - (a) the chairperson appointed by the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments,
 - (b) the Premier of the upcoming Session,
 - (c) at least one member of the Senate, where practicable, and
 - (d) the Leader of the Opposition of the upcoming Session, where practicable.
 - (3) The member(s) of the Regional Planning Committee appointed under subsection (2)(c), and any additional members of said Committee must be appointed by the chairperson of the Regional Planning Committee, in consultation with the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments.

Election of nominated candidates

- 12
- (1) If the number of candidates exceeds the limit set by the Regional Planning Committee, the Regional Planning Committee must determine the criteria deemed most fair and expedient in determining the election of candidates to Parliament.
 - (2) Acceptance of late application forms is at the discretion of the Regional Planning Committee.

Role of House Leaders

- 13** (1) The Premier must co-ordinate Cabinet Ministers' actions in accordance with the wishes of the Legislative Assembly and carry out duties as specified in legislation and must ensure social involvement of all members at session.
- (2) The Leader of the Opposition must endeavour to critique legislation on its technical merit, its philosophical and ideological direction, the resources it will require, and must ensure social involvement of all members at Session.
- (3) The Deputy Speaker must take the chair and perform the duties of the Speaker in the House or in the Committee of the Whole whenever requested to do so by the Speaker.

House Leaders to hold positions once

- 14** House Leaders may hold their respective positions only once.

Election of House Leaders

- 15** (1) The positions of Premier and Leader of the Opposition of the upcoming Session must be filled by separate and simultaneous elections at the current Session.
- (2) The Sessional Director must make nomination forms for the position of Premier and Leader of the Opposition available to interested members beginning on the second day of session.
- (3) To be nominated for election, a member must obtain the names and signatures of no fewer than 5 other members of the House.
- (4) The deadline for nominations must be determined and announced by the Sessional Director.
- (5) Candidates may submit a resume, not exceeding one side of a letter size page in length, to be printed and either posted or distributed at the discretion of the Head Clerk.
- (6) The names of the successful candidates must be included in the Sessional Journal as well as a list of all past Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament Premiers, Leaders of the Opposition, Speakers and Lieutenant Governors.

Appointments

- 16** The following appointments must be made by the Regional Planning Committee:
- (a) the Lieutenant Governor;
 - (b) the Speaker who must have attained his or her twentieth birthday;
 - (c) a Deputy Speaker;
 - (d) a Sessional Director, who must have attained his or her twenty-first birthday, and must supervise all activities of the Session;
 - (e) a Chief Clerk and assistants; and
 - (f) a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Cabinet

- 17** (1) The Premier must appoint a Cabinet, which must perform its duties in accordance with the wishes of the Legislative Assembly and the *Ministerial Responsibilities Act*.
- (2) Cabinet Ministers must be directly responsible to the Premier.
- (3) After Prorogation of the House, Cabinet is empowered to make minor adjustments to legislation provided that the adjustments are within the scope of that legislation.
- (4) After Prorogation of the House, Cabinet is empowered to issue additional orders relating to any piece of legislation.
- (5) These orders shall take the form of Orders in Council, and the agreement of 80% of the entire Cabinet is necessary for the use of this power.
- (6) Applications to Cabinet must be distributed along with the final *The Manifesto* of the Sessional year.

Applications to Cabinet to be reviewed

- 18** No appointments to Cabinet can be made until applications to those positions have been reviewed.

Cabinet meetings

- 19** (1) Eligible voting members of the Lieutenant Governor in Council must include
- (a) the Premier,
 - (b) each Minister of the Crown, and
 - (c) after Prorogation of House, the Leader of the Opposition.
- (2) Any member of Cabinet who is unable to attend a Cabinet meeting may
- (a) express an opinion and cast a vote on a specific issue in a written communication through the chair, or
 - (b) in consultation with the Premier, appoint a proxy who may assume her or his privileges.
- (3) The presence of at least 50% of the Members of the Cabinet is required to constitute a meeting of Cabinet for the exercise its of powers.

House Leaders and Cabinet to take Oath of Office

- 20** Each House Leader and Cabinet Minister must take the following oath in addition to the Oath of the Lieutenant-Governor: “As (position) of (# of Session) Session of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, I promise that I shall, to the best of my abilities, carry out the duties entrusted to me by the Legislative Assembly.”

Matters not covered under Act

- 21** All matters not covered by the provisions of this Act are at the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, in consultation with the Regional Planning Committee.

Amendments

- 22** This Act may be amended only by an Act of Parliament.

Commencement

- 23** This Act comes into effect April 27, 1991.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AMENDMENT ACT, 2009

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, enacts as follows:

1 Section 16 be amended by replacing “March 1” with “the month before the next session.”

**MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ACT, 2001
(CONSOLIDATED 2009)**

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An Act Defining the Responsibilities, the Duties, the Terms of Office and Other Matters Pertaining to Cabinet Ministers of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

Preamble

WHEREAS the Premier requires a Cabinet in order to carry out the wishes of the Legislative Assembly,

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, enacts as follows:

Cabinet responsible to Assembly and Premier

- 1 (1) Cabinet Ministers are responsible to the Legislative Assembly for the activities of their ministries while the Assembly is in Session.
- (2) Following the Prorogation of the House, Cabinet Ministers are responsible to the Premier.

Ministers to make written reports to Premier

- 2 Members of Cabinet must make written reports to the Premier at such times as the Premier may require.

Retention of important papers

- 3 Every Cabinet Minister, House Leader, or person appointed by the Premier is responsible for the maintenance of files of all important papers relating to their respective ministry.

Ministry of Archives

- 4 (1) There must be a Ministry of Archives whose head must be called the Minister of Archives.

- (2) The Minister of Archives is responsible for developing and maintaining the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament archives.
- (3) The Minister of Archives is responsible for storing the Journal, newsletters and photographs throughout the sessional year.
- (4) The Minister of Archives must make at least one report on the state of the archives in the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament newsletter.
 - (a) The report must outline any developments in the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament archives.
- (5) The Minister of Archives is responsible for taking a photograph of the participants of the Session.

Ministry of Attorney General

- 5 (1) There must be a Ministry of Attorney General whose head must be called the Attorney General.
- (2) The *Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament Act* and the *Ministerial Responsibilities Act* are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General.
- (3) The Attorney General is responsible for the composition of all Government sponsored legislation.
- (4) The Attorney General must scrutinize all Private Members Resolutions before they are forwarded to the Speaker for approval, but may not change the intent of the resolutions in any way without the prior consent of the mover.
- (5) The Attorney General must table any Orders in Council of the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the previous Session.
- (6) The Attorney General must bring the Premier pudding or Jell-O at any time it is deemed necessary by the Premier.
- (7) The Attorney General must submit to Senate all Government sponsored legislation passed at the Session within 10 days of the legislation being given Royal Assent.

Ministry of Communications

- 6 (1) There must be a Ministry of Communications whose head must be called the Minister of Communications.
- (2) The Minister of Communications is responsible for creating a daily paper during Session.
- (3) The Minister of Communications is responsible for spearheading the publication and distribution of a newsletter entitled *The Manifesto*, a minimum of at least 4 times a year.
- (4) The newsletter must be a source of information regarding the events and activities of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, as well as providing a forum of discussion between members and any interested parties.
- (5) The Minister of Communications must submit *The Manifesto* through e-mail to the Membership.
- (6) The Minister of Communications is responsible for ensuring the maintenance of communications with Members regarding Parliament's events and activities.

Deputy Premier

- 7 (1) There may be a Deputy Premier who is responsible for assisting the Premier and all other Ministers in fulfilling their duties.
- (2) In the event that the Premier is unable to fulfill his or her duties, the Deputy Premier must assume those duties.

Ministry of External Affairs

- 8 (1) There must be a Ministry of External Affairs whose head must be called the Minister of External Affairs.
- (2) The Minister of External Affairs is responsible for the organization of all inter-parliamentary social events.
- (3) The Minister of External Affairs is responsible for communications with other Regional Youth Parliaments.

Ministry of Finance

- 9 (1) There must be a Ministry of Finance whose head must be called the Minister of Finance.
- (2) The Minister of Finance is responsible for the finances of the Parliament as cited in the *Supply Act*.

- (3) The Minister of Finance is responsible for the presentation of written financial statements to the Cabinet at their meetings and quarterly financial statements to the Minister of Finance of British Columbia Youth Parliament.

Parliamentary Secretary

- 10** (1) There must be a Ministry of the Parliamentary Secretary whose head must be called the Parliamentary Secretary.
- (2) The Parliamentary Secretary must act as the secretary for the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (3) The Parliamentary Secretary must act as the secretary for the Legislative Assembly and accordingly must
- (a) communicate positions of PMR's, and
 - (b) send communications of thanks to
 - (i) those parties which have provided written greetings,
 - (ii) those parties which have provided verbal greetings,
 - (iii) all House Servants, and
 - (iv) and at the discretion of the Parliamentary Secretary, those parties which have contributed to the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.
- (4) All activities and services of the Ministry of Parliamentary Secretary must be approved by the Parliamentary Secretary in consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Ministry of Public Relations

- 11** (1) There must be a Ministry of Public Relations whose head must be called the Minister of Public Relations.
- (2) The Minister of Public Relations is responsible for increasing public awareness pertaining to the existence, activities and ideals of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.
- (3) The Minister of Public Relations is responsible for media relations during the Sessional year and shall act as a liaison between Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, other service groups, and the community.
- (4) The Minister of Public Relations must inform the Premier of all media relations regarding the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.
- (5) Any further Public Relations activities and services may be implemented at the discretion of the Minister of Public Relations in consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Ministry of Service

- 12** (1) There must be a Ministry of Service whose head must be called the Minister of Service.
- (2) The Minister of Service must strive to seek out opportunities for the membership to participate in community service in the Lower Mainland East region.
- (3) The Minister of Service has duties and responsibilities as outlined in the *Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament Activities Act*.

Deputy Ministers

- 13** Cabinet Ministers have the option of appointing Deputy Ministers when required or directed to by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, subject to the following:
- (a) the Deputy is responsible to the Minister;
 - (b) the Deputy must, when requested by the Premier to do so, submit a written report on the progress and/or fulfilled of his or her duties;
 - (c) if the Minister is unable to fulfill his or her duties, the Deputy will take his or her place.

Standing Committees

- 14** Cabinet Ministers have the option of appointing Standing Committees when required or directed to by the Lieutenant Governor in General.

Continuity Reports

- 15 (1) There must be a Continuity Report prepared in writing by each outgoing House Leader and Cabinet Minister for his or her successor.
- (2) These reports must be a detailed account of the responsibilities of the Ministry or position, and must be tabled in the Journal.
- (3) These reports must be submitted to the incoming Premier three weeks prior to Session when possible.
- (4) These reports may be communicated to the incoming Premier via interpretive dance should all paper, ink, or other materials necessary for the formation of these reports disappear off the face of the Earth.

Terms of office

- 16 Cabinet Ministers may hold their respective positions until the month before the next session of the following year.

Ministers of State

- 17 (1) There may be a Ministry of State whose head must be called the Minister of State.
- (2) Ministers of State may be appointed to be responsible for either “designated purposes” or as an “undesignated” Minister, to aid a departmental Minister.
- (3) Ministries of State may be established and disbanded by the Lieutenant Governor in Council at the discretion of the Premier.
- (4) The Premier must table a report at Session detailing the duties and responsibilities of any Ministers of State which have been appointed.
- (5) In the event that a Minister of State is appointed after Session, the Premier must submit a report to *The Manifesto* newsletter detailing the duties and responsibilities of the Minister of State.

Matters not covered under Act

- 18 All matters not covered by the provisions of this Act are at the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Amendments

- 19 This Act may be amended only by an Act of Parliament.

Commencement

- 20 This Act comes into effect April 27, 1991.

HONOURABLE SHYAM SINGH
PREMIER

RESOLUTION (NO. 1)
IN SUPPORT OF THE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE VERBALIZING A DOG (DAWG) BARK
ACCOMPANIED WITH A FIST IN THE AIR AT EVERY MENTION OF THE SPEAKER

WHEREAS The Speaker's position is one of great responsibility and merit and therefore is worth special recognition;

AND WHEREAS It will help members of the House regularly clear their throats;

AND WHEREAS By clearing our throats more often, we will drink less water, thus resulting in the world's water sources being depleted at a slower rate;

AND WHEREAS making a collective sound will help foster a sense of family amongst the members of the House.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament verbalizing a dog bark accompanied with a fist in the air at every mention of the Speaker.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Speaker of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament,
 - (b) the Members of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, and
 - (c) the Clerks of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

DEFEATED

HONOURABLE LAURA CUTHBERT
ATTORNEY GENERAL

RESOLUTION (No. 2)

**IN SUPPORT OF EVERY RECESS STARTING WITH A SONG AND DANCE ROUTINE PERFORMED
BY THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION TO A SONG OF THE PREMIER'S CHOICE**

WHEREAS the recess will have a unique flare;

WHEREAS New Westminster city hall has amazing acoustics, begging to reverb;

WHEREAS the gentle subtleties of the Leader of the Opposition's voice;

WHEREAS it shows the commitment of both parties to the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports every recess starting with a song and dance routine by the Leader of the Opposition to a song of the Premier's Choice.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communication this position to
 - (a) the Leader of the Opposition of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament,
 - (b) the Premier of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament,
 - (c) the Speaker of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, and
 - (d) the Clerks of the 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.

DEFEATED

YEAS – 6

NAYS – 9

HONOURABLE KARN SAFAYA
AMBASSADOR FOR VICTORIA

RESOLUTION (No. 3)
IN SUPPORT OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX APPLYING SOLELY TO AEROSOL CANS.

WHEREAS the contents of aerosol cans pollute the environment;

WHEREAS aerosol cans are not made out of recycled fabrics;

WHEREAS aerosol cans are dangerous: in intense heat as the contents are under severe pressure and may explode.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament support an additional tax applying solely to aerosol cans.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communication this position to the
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Minister of the Environment of British Columbia.

CARRIED

HONOURABLE LAURA CUTHBERT
ATTORNEY GENERAL

RESOLUTION (No. 4)
IN SUPPORT OF FIVE PIN BOWLING BECOMING CANADA'S NATIONAL SPORT

WHEREAS bowling balls were originally made from granite, one of Canada's largest exports;

WHEREAS five pin bowling was created by Torontonion T.E. Ryan, a Canadian;

WHEREAS Canadians are sociable and bowling is one of the most social games around.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament support five pin bowling becoming Canada's national support.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Minister of State (Sport) of Canada,
 - (b) the President of the National Lacrosse Association, and
 - (c) the Commissioner of the National Hockey League.

CARRIED

HONOURABLE HWAN JEON
MINISTER OF SURREY-FLEETWOOD

RESOLUTION (No.5)
IN SUPPORT OF SEASONAL HUMAN MIGRATION TO THE MOON

WHEREAS science has developed so much to the point that humans can now reach the moon;

AND WHEREAS the absence of humans from planet Earth will allow the planet to recover;

AND WHEREAS crowding 6.5 billion people into a place 1/8th the size of Earth will help foster a sense of family among human beings;

AND WHEREAS crowding humans on the moon will collapse all of the financial system, therefore rebooting the economy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1** The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the seasonal human migration to the moon.
- 2** The Provincial Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of every province and territory of Canada,
 - (b) the Prime Minister of Canada,
 - (c) the leader of every nation in the world, and
 - (d) the leader of NASA and ZSA.

CARRIED/DEFEATED/PRINTED

HONOURABLE KARN SAFAYA
AMBASSADOR FOR VICTORIA

**RESOLUTION (NO. 6)
IN SUPPORT OF LEGALIZING MARIJUANA**

WHEREAS marijuana is currently one of the largest sources of income for gangs;
AND WHEREAS the medicinal uses of marijuana are diverse;
AND WHEREAS numerable long-term studies regarding marijuana related health risks have proved inconclusive;
AND WHEREAS the legalization of marijuana can effectively improve the economy in several industries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the legalization of marijuana.
- 2 The Provincial Secretary communicate this position to:
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Minister of Health.

CARRIED

YEAS – 7

NAYS - 6

HONOURABLE STUART KNOTT
MEMBER OF SURREY-WHALLEY

RESOLUTION (No. 7)
IN SUPPORT OF BANNING THE TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS FROM THE CBC

WHEREAS the Leafs have not won a Stanley Cup in over 40 years, yet still claim to heed publicity as a dynasty;

AND WHEREAS Toronto is only one city on Earth,

AND WHEREAS the name “Toronto Maple Leafs” uses an inaccurate plural version of “Leaf”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the ban of the Toronto Maple Leafs from the CBC.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to:
 - (a) Bob Cole, the owner of the Maple Leafs,
 - (b) the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and
 - (c) the Leaf Nation.

CARRIED

HONOURABLE HWAN JEON
MEMBER OF SURREY-FLEETWOOD

RESOLUTION (No. 8)
IN SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE DEVELOPING SKYNET AS A SERVICE PROJECT

WHEREAS Skynet will facilitate and uphold the democratic ideals of our nation by eliminating 99% of the population and empowering the remaining 1% to vote for John Conner;

AND WHEREAS the creation of Terminators by Skynet will greatly reduce the worldwide production of greenhouse gases by destroying everything in sight;

AND WHEREAS saving the environment is of the utmost concern;

AND WHEREAS saving the environment means happier polar bears.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the members of the house developing Skynet as a service project.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the members of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament,
 - (b) Microsoft, and
 - (c) everyone else in the world.

DEFEATED

HONOURABLE MICHAEL THEJOMAYEN
AMBASSADOR FOR VANCOUVER-POINT GRAY

RESOLUTION (NO. 9)
**IN SUPPORT OF RECOGNIZING GOOGLE CHROME AS THE HARDER, BETTER, FASTER,
STRONGER WEB BROWSER AND ESTABLISHING IT AS THE OFFICIAL WEB BROWSER OF BC
SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

WHEREAS Google Chrome is a fast, lean, web browser that is indeed easier to use;
AND WHEREAS Facebook and Youtube work more efficiently with Google Chrome;
AND WHEREAS Internet Explorer is definitely a less powerful browser;
AND WHEREAS Opera Software requires a paid license.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the recognition of Google Chrome as the harder, better, faster, stronger web browser and establishing it as the official web browser of BC secondary schools.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Minister of Education,
 - (b) the Premier of BC,
 - (c) the Superintendent of Vancouver Secondary Schools, and
 - (d) the founders of Google.

DEFEATED

HONOURABLE KARN SAFAYA
AMBASSADOR FOR VICTORIA

RESOLUTION (NO. 10)
IN OPPOSITION TO INSITE

WHEREAS drugs such as heroin and cocaine are illegal;
AND WHEREAS a recent government ruling has deemed that the government carries no constitutional responsibility towards housing a safe injection site;
AND WHEREAS tax dollars could be better spent on drug rehabilitation programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament is in opposition to Insite.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and
 - (c) the Minister of Health of British Columbia.

CARRIED/DEFEATED/PRINTED

HONOURABLE DAVID PARK
MEMBER FOR BURNABY-LOUGHEED

RESOLUTION (NO. 11)
IN SUPPORT OF BANNING SMOKE PITS IN BC HIGH SCHOOLS

WHEREAS we should not promote or give a chance for students to smoke;
AND WHEREAS students in high schools are not of age to smoke cigarettes;
AND WHEREAS smoking is bad for one's health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the banning of smoke pits in BC high schools.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Minister of Health of British Columbia.

CARRIED/DEFEATED/PRINTED

JAMES SHAW
AMBASSADOR FOR POWELL RIVER-SUNSHINE COAST

RESOLUTION (NO. 12)
**IN SUPPORT OF MAKING THE LOGO FOR LOWER MAINLAND EAST YOUTH PARLIAMENT A
PICTURE OF DEMI LOVATO WEARING HALF-GLOVES**

WHEREAS Demi Lovato is a talented and inspirational musician;
AND WHEREAS Ms Lovato could serve as a role model for all members of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament;
AND WHEREAS half-gloves are very stylish right now.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the use of a picture of Demi Lovato wearing half-gloves as the logo for Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the members of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, and
 - (b) Demi Lovato.

DEFEATED

YEAS – 0

NAYS - 7

KARN SAFAYA
AMBASSADOR FOR VICTORIA

RESOLUTION (NO. 13)

IN SUPPORT OF AN EXTRA 10 MINUTES TO REFLECT ON THE CLERKS' EPIC GREATNESS

WHEREAS they work so diligently and efficiently;

AND WHEREAS they are obscenely attractive;

AND WHEREAS after a poll from government, 11/10 members find them to be epic;

AND WHEREAS without them, LMEYP would cease to exist.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the allocation of an extra 10 minutes to reflect on the clerks' epic greatness.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Queen of Elizabeth,
 - (b) the Prime Minister of Canada,
 - (c) the President of the United States,
 - (d) the leader in the universe, and
 - (e) your mom.

CARRIED

PETER ELVERUM
MEMBER OF SURREY-TYNEHEAD

RESOLUTION (NO. 14)

IN SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE STOCKPILING WEAPONS TO DERAIL THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

WHEREAS zombies are bad and will destroy the population of the Earth;

AND WHEREAS zombie viruses damage the environment;

AND WHEREAS zombies don't distinguish between animals and man;

AND WHEREAS having one's brain eaten is said to be painful.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the stockpiling of weapons to derail the zombie apocalypse.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the zombie hunters of Canada, and
 - (c) Umbrella Corporation.

CARRIED

HONOURABLE ELAINE SAMUEL
MINISTER OF SERVICE

RESOLUTION (NO. 15)
IN SUPPORT OF PLAYTIME DURING CLASS TIME IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS playtime is beneficial to both teenagers and children;

AND WHEREAS playtime incorporates fun physical activity into school time.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports playtime during class time in secondary schools.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Minister of Education of British Columbia.

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HONOURABLE ELAINE SAMUEL
MINISTER OF SERVICE

RESOLUTION (NO. 16)
**IN SUPPORT OF ABOLISHING THE ONE PASSENGER LIMIT ON THE CLASS 7N DRIVERS
LICENSE**

WHEREAS the limit of one passenger prohibits legal carpooling and is therefore detrimental to the environment.

AND WHEREAS the limit is simply impractical.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the abolishment of the one passenger limit on the class 7N drivers license.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Minister of Transportation of British Columbia.

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PETER ELVERUM
MEMBER OF SURREY-TYNEHEAD

RESOLUTION (NO. 17)
IN SUPPORT OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE USING A NON-CANADIAN ACCENT WHEN
SPEAKING IN THE HOUSE

WHEREAS the use of accents is multicultural;
AND WHEREAS Canada has the reputation of being multicultural;
AND WHEREAS it would prevent parliamentary procedures from sounding monotonous.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports members of the house using a non-Canadian accent when speaking in the house.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Prime Minister of Canada.

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HONOURABLE PETER HORTON
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

RESOLUTION (NO. 18)
IN SUPPORT OF BANNING ELECTRICITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

WHEREAS electricity is not a vital requirement for civilization;
AND WHEREAS a vast majority of electricity is produced in an environmentally unfriendly manner;
AND WHEREAS the many deaths arisen from electricity-related accidents outweighs any benefits that may come from electricity powered devices;
AND WHEREAS other functions of society may be promoted, such as magic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the ban of electricity in British Columbia.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) BC Hydro.

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YESHA OUYANG
MEMBER OF SURREY-PANORAMA

RESOLUTION (NO. 19)
IN SUPPORT OF MAKING THE POKÉMON THEME SONG THE ANTHEM OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS being a Pokémon master reflects the principles and ideals of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS on an awesomeness scale of 10, Pikachu is 12.00;

AND WHEREAS Pokémon sets an excellent example for the citizens of British Columbia.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the establishment of the Pokémon theme song as the British Columbian Government.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) Pikachu, and
 - (b) the Premier of British Columbia.

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KAYLA BRIERE
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

RESOLUTION (NO. 20)
IN SUPPORT OF BANISHING THE LETTER 'Q'

WHEREAS the letters 'C' and 'K' can easily be used to replicate the same phonetic sound;

AND WHEREAS there are few words that have the letter 'Q' at present;

AND WHEREAS it will make it easier for children and adults alike to read and spell.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament supports the banishment of the letter 'Q'.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) Websters Dictionary.

CARRIED/DEFEATED/PRINTED

KAYLA BRIERE
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

**RESOLUTION (NO. 21)
IN OPPOSITION TO THE MOVIE “TWILIGHT”**

WHEREAS the movie is very unrealistic;

AND WHEREAS it is way too distracting to girls;

AND WHEREAS the book is poorly written;

AND WHEREAS the series presents a grossly misdirected representation of vampires;

AND WHEREAS it did not make for an enjoyable movie experience.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 17th Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament is in opposition to the movie “Twilight”.
- 2 The Parliamentary Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) Stephanie Meyer, author of “Twilight”,
 - (b) Girls,
 - (c) Fans who have read the books and watched the movies, and
 - (d) the actors of the films.

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HONOURABLE KARN SAFAYA
PREMIER
16TH PARLIAMENT

PREMIER

What up dawg?

Shyam, you are so incredibly lucky to have the honour of being Premier this year. It's probably one of the most fun (albeit slightly stressful) positions in the House, so enjoy being top dog while you can. I had a lot of fun last year with it, and I know that you will too.

Being Premier comes with its share of responsibilities. As you're probably finding out, there is a lot of behind the scenes work that needs to be done in order to make sure that session runs smoothly. Based on what happened to me last year, here are some tips on how to get things done and still have fun:

1. Pick a good Cabinet.
2. Make sure your Cabinet knows what they need to get done.
3. Organize organize organize, and then delegate.
4. Make fun of Shadow.
5. Pick on Shadow.
6. Wear a really nice suit.
7. Bake a Golden cake. In the shape of a heart. Oh, and make some custard for the members too.
8. Have all of your papers ready.
9. ASK QUESTIONS! The clerks and head honchos of the show really know the details of what's going down.
10. ALWAYS, and I mean always, seem like you're in control

With these tips and tricks, I'm sure that you will do an excellent job of running this year's Session. Enjoy yourself Shyam, and remember these words: Your Mom

:P,

Karn
Your Ex-Premier.

**HONOURABLE ANIZ ALANI
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
10TH PARLIAMENT**

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

[In the absence of a Continuity Report from the Leader of the Opposition of the Sixteenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, the Report of the Leader of the Opposition of the Tenth Parliament is included below.]

Dear Forrest,

Congratulations on your election as Leader of the Opposition. Given LMEYP's modified role as a Model Status RYP this year, your role will undoubtedly take on a slightly different shape. Nevertheless, I will "think on paper" and pass on what advice to you I can, as legislated.

Do your best.

LMEYP has meant a lot to me. I think it means something different for everyone, and I feel much like a relic for the way it matters to me. In a way, I've always felt 'alone' within LMEYP. As you may know, the Ninth Session did not occur the year it was originally supposed to due to a lack of membership. The year after, when it was revived, was when I first joined. That year, LMEYP had gone from being a large, formidable force within the RYP world, to a much smaller, formidable force within the RYP world. In my worst paranoid delusions, I fear that LMEYP will stop being what it once was because it might lose the energy and interest that once made it great. What can you do about it, you ask? Well, on the first day of Session, you are going to be asked to swear two oaths. Naïve as I was the first time I repeated these two pledges, I accepted them as some form of 'holy writ'. Your success in any position is a function of how seriously you take those oaths. They ought not be dismissed as simply a formality.

Seek and ye shall find.

I don't know what it was about LMEYP, but I really liked it. So I ran for Premier. In retrospect, I probably ran for the wrong reasons. Nevertheless, I recognized that being elected to serve a duty, regardless of the motives for running, entailed fulfilling responsibilities that could not be overlooked. Once you're elected, you're in. Be prepared to do the job or tender your resignation gracefully. Never assume that someone will teach you what you need to know. I had the incredible fortune of having a lot of really kewl people teach me almost everything I know about LMEYP stuff, but I had to go to them. My point is this: if you don't feel comfortable with respect to how to do your job, it is your responsibility to seek out the available resources and find out what you need to know. So that's my first edict: ignorance does not excuse inaction.

Your specific responsibilities

Regional Planning Committee:

As Leader of the Opposition, you are a member of the Regional Planning Committee ex officio. This means that you are automatically conscripted to assist with the organization of Session itself. The 12th Session of LMEYP is not the RPC's Session. It is your session. I remember asking the RPC Chair during my first year in LMEYP what he thought about how I wanted to schedule debates, and he reminded me that it was, in fact, our session. Each year in Youth Parliament, I've always carried with me the feeling that I'd only have one chance to do whatever it was I was doing that year. This is your one shot at being Leader of the Opposition. On one hand, this means you shouldn't do anything to make it "less than the best" because you won't have another chance to do things again in the same capacity. On the other hand, which may be more relevant as the sessional year progresses, you should go the extra mile in every way you can because you won't have to do it again in the same capacity. Selfish, but often effective. How does this relate to the RPC? I'm not entirely sure, and I don't want to restructure my paragraphs. The general point is that, in planning for LMEYP, you will be doing a lot of people a favour if you subscribe to this "one shot deal" philosophy. This means going out of your way to make sure anyone and everyone who could conceivably be interested in attending LMEYP receives an application form. It means a lot of things. As a general rule of thumb, if you have an idea about something you can do to make this year's Session better, do it.

Shadow Cabinet

You have the option of appointing a Shadow Cabinet. If you have one, they will work with you to analyse and critique government-sponsored legislation and draft joke motions. I don't think I had one. Well, sort of. Even if it ends up being a few friends who you'd like to sit with at Session (that aren't on Cabinet), it is always good to include more people in what you're doing. In any case, consider it your personal responsibility to talk to members on the opposition side and help them figure out what's going on every step of the way. If you have a few members on your Shadow Cabinet who are adequately experienced, this becomes much easier to accomplish, especially when you're busy or otherwise incapacitated.

Critique.

I don't know how many Regional Youth Parliament sessions I have attended, but rarely have I seen effective critiquing of legislation occur. PMRs are fun and exciting, granted, but legislation is, for me, what really matters in a Youth Parliament. Consider it your job to (a) be familiar with LMEYP's current, as well as proposed, legislation; (b) check each and every proposed amendment that Cabinet introduces and find out exactly what it does and where its potential weaknesses may lie; (c) explain to the House how both (a) and (b) apply as you debate legislation. Without being overly critical of last year's Cabinet, I honestly do not believe that the government was adequately familiar with some parts of the legislation being proposed. Do not assume that they are infallible. At the same time, it is not your job to humiliate Cabinet simply because you're the Leader of the Opposition. Last year, I felt at times that certain members of Cabinet were either negligent in their duties or were acting inappropriately. I felt it was then my duty to shed light on this regardless of the tension it may have caused. Granted, I felt horrible both during and afterwards, but I wasn't ignoring my job. Oh, and on that note, if it comes down to it, do not acquiesce on this issue prematurely. Not everyone answers questions directly. Stay on your toes and don't fall down. Welcome to your post.

The social event.

By LMEYP tradition, the Leader of the Opposition organizes an evening social activity on the Saturday of Session. In my first year, this was a really neat party at the Leader of the Opposition's house – even though she couldn't attend Session because she was at a major debating tournament. The year after, we watched movies in one of the rooms at SFU. Last year, as you know, we had a hastily (but creatively, IMHO) organized scavenger hunt. Although I'm sure you could see this advice coming a mile away, don't leave the social event planning to the last minute.

Do you have a job after Session?

You betcha. Although some may forget, the Leader of the Opposition is a member of Cabinet after Session. This means that you help Cabinet organize stuff where needed. This means you submit your newsletter articles on time. It means you attend cabinet meetings and be prepared to offer your opinion. In the post-session sense, the Leader of the Opposition position is extraordinarily unique because it allows you to remain chiefly involved without serving a specific portfolio. Use this position to everyone's advantage and be the "geeky Member". In other words, be the ideal, model LMEYPer. Show up at everything. DO everything that LMEYP expects its "backbencher" members to do. Don't forget your first oath. Ever.

Stick around, if you can.

LMEYP needs continuity. By this, I do not mean people writing their paragraph-length reports at the end of their terms extending perfunctory greetings to their successors. I mean people who are actively involved in LMEYP and stay involved so that there are people with experience the year after. On that note, LMEYP does not just have events because they sound like they're good to have or because legislation dictates it. LMEYP needs to have regular events so that people can go to them and find out more about LMEYP. I learned most of what I know about LMEYP at meetings and car-washes and LMEYP parties. Session ought not be the highlight of the year, events should.

It's a journal, not a paperweight.

Having clerked at Regionals a few times, I can tell you that compiling a journal is hard work. Minimally, clerks ought to be assured that their efforts are being appropriately put to use. Legislation, for example, should serve more of a function than merely filling up time between PMRs at Session. It should receive careful attention when being debated. It should be followed. Chances are most provisions that require people to do things are there for a reason. For example, ministers are required to write continuity reports. If a minister shows up at Session and you know they haven't written a report, ask them why. There are actually a lot of reports that need to be prepared for a variety of reasons, but rarely are. In my opinion, it's the job of the LofO to bring issues like these to light.

Welcome to your post.

HONOURABLE KRISTI KENYON
DEPUTY PREMIER
8TH PARLIAMENT

DEPUTY PREMIER

[In the absence of a Continuity Report from the Deputy Premier of the Sixteenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, the Report of the Deputy Premier of the Eighth Parliament is included below.]

Dear Aliyah,

Congratulations on your appointment to the position of Deputy Premier!! Deputy Premier is an exciting position which allows you great opportunity for leadership, involvement and...assassination.. (Come on I know you were thinking of it).

As I am sure you are aware Deputy Premier is a position whose ultimate glory depends on the death, or as a bare minimum, the incapacitation of the Premier. I am sure that you, as Deputy Premier would never wish ill on the Premier but I am sure that this unfortunate reality has dawned on you, as it dawned on me in my days as DP. Having listened to some of your debate at session this year I am convinced that you already have many ideas (including death by power hose- this is a unique idea).

Despite the opportunity to profit from disaster the position of Deputy Premier is an important one. It allows you a voice in cabinet, a chance to work closely with the Premier, and an opportunity to take on a leadership role at Session and throughout the Sessional year.

I would like to commend you and thank you personally for taking on this role in the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament's "come back" year. I am sure that you realize how much this organization means to us "old timers" and I hope that your final year with LMEYP will leave you with the same sentiments. LMEYP is really an amazing organization and I hope that you gain all that you hope to from your involvement with it.

Congratulations once again Katie, you are doing a wonderful job and I'm sure will continue to throughout the social, educational and service projects throughout the year.

HONOURABLE SWITHIN D'SOUZA
 MINISTER OF ARCHIVES
 10TH PARLIAMENT

ARCHIVES

[In the absence of a Continuity Report from the Minister of Archives of the Sixteenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, the Report of the Minister of Archives of the Tenth Parliament is included below.]

Hi Daryl,

I know this must be a momentous event in your life, but try not to be overwhelmed. :) You are now the minister of our chives, or if you prefer min 'o' da' shoebox, or if you don't like that either you can use Minister of Archives.

By any name, this is by far one of the most important ministries. Without it we wouldn't know who any of our predecessors were and what they did. Most of all you wouldn't have a job.

Feel free to organize, and reorganize the box all you want. Paint it, cover the unsightly platypus that is presently on the side. I was going to cover it with a goldfish, but the decals got lost in the mail.

The shoebox enjoys travelling, take it everywhere you go. Make sure to have it touring other parts of the world when it is time for the box to be turned over to your replacement. Just keep the box safe from thieves who might try to harm it in any way. You are its guardian.

You will need to put into the box:

The pics of session and any other parliamentary events that you might have

A copy of each Manifesto from this session

Any of the submissions, roughs, anything to do with the Manifesto you can acquire

Letters to LMEYP

Any other significant stuff in the box

Since the Ministry of Archives is so important, it is also important that you attend as many cabinet meetings as possible. If any members have anything to put in the archives, its your job to file it. Have fun.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me, at school, at home, or at cabinet meetings. Whenever is convenient. So there it is, go on now and uphold the myth of the shoebox and its magical contents.

HONOURABLE SASA PUDAR
ATTORNEY GENERAL
15TH PARLIAMENT

ATTORNEY GENERAL

[In the absence of a Continuity Report from the Minister of Archives of the Sixteenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, the Report of the Minister of Archives of the Fit Parliament is included below.]

Dear Meghan,

Congratulations on being appointed Attorney General! I hope you enjoy the position as much as I did. The job of the AG begins well before session, as you are responsible for most of the material that will be presented to the House.

Legislation

Your primary responsibility is writing the legislation. This means writing the Parliamentary Activities Act as well as the amendment acts, namely the Ministerial Responsibilities Amendment Act and the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament Amendment Act. The amendments are meant to reflect any changes that have been made by the incoming cabinet, but they can also be a way to ensure continuity and consistency with BCYP standards, which invariably change over the years. I suggest going over the legislation with the other cabinet ministers, particularly in the case of the Ministerial Responsibilities Act, so that everyone can offer their input. This helps all of cabinet be part of the legislative process and it also takes some of the pressure off of you to come up with entire acts on your own. The proposed legislation and the consolidated legislation both have to be prepared, so that the members will have the acts that are being amended by the amendment acts, because otherwise the proposed legislation would make no sense. The best way to prepare the legislation is to ask the head clerk for a soft copy of the previous parliament's journal. You can work off of a hard copy as well, and ask the clerks to prepare the consolidated leg in a package, but creating the package is a fairly simple task of copying and pasting, and making sure that there is a title page.

Reports

There are two types of reports that are necessary for you to have and submit to the clerks. Continuity reports are from the previous parliament's cabinet and should be tabled to ensure that the incoming ministers are aware of their responsibilities. The Leader of the Opposition also submits a continuity report for the same purpose. You must then table the continuity reports. The other reports you must table are called, interestingly enough, tabled reports. These are items such as our traditional Report on Pi, and more importantly the Financial Statements of the previous parliament. The journal should have all necessary reports, and you can work off of it in order to see what they are like. The Financial Statements can be received by asking the Minister of Finance of the British Columbia Youth Parliament.

Motions

In order to keep session running smoothly, you need to organize when acts are going to be presented, how much time there will be for Private Members Resolutions, and when reports are going to be tabled. You are responsible for the organization of the time spent in the House. This is an enormous task, so to help yourself at session, and to help the clerks, you should write a paperflow schedule. This just says which acts and reports you plan on presenting during which sittings. It's the skeleton of session. The other tool that you have is your motion script. This is more detailed than the paperflow schedule, and I would suggest sending a copy to the clerks of this as well. The motion script contains a list of all the motions you plan on making, and during which sitting you plan to make them. It has them in order, and what is usually done is that the motions slips are written out prior to session and included with the script. This makes things a much easier on you during session.

PMRs

Private Members Resolutions are essential for session to run properly. Something I found that works is to require each cabinet minister to submit two PMRs, that way you can ensure a good start to session. It is important to teach new members how to write PMRs, and to help them with the wording if need be. All PMRs must be submitted to you prior to being given to the clerks and the Speaker for formatting and final approval respectively. I would also suggest that you send several of the PMRs cabinet submits to you to the clerks prior to session, so that they can be approved by the Speaker, and are ready to be debated right on the first day. Sometimes the approval, formatting, and photocopying during session take some time due to the massive amount of work that needs to be done, so its helpful to have five or six prepared even before the first sitting.

The key to this position is being as organized as possible before and during session. You are cabinet's expert on the legislation, and you should be ready to show members how to phrase amendments, motions, and PMRs. You need to be able to defend every single

piece of legislation you put forth, and to make sure that every other member of cabinet can as well. It's a stressful job at times, but it can also be pretty fun. Good luck Meghan, I'm sure you'll do a great job.

HONOURABLE MELISSA TUNG
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS
9TH PARLIAMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

[In the absence of a Continuity Report from Minister of Communications of the Sixteenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, the Report of the Minister of Communications of the Ninth Parliament is included below.]

Dear Sarah,

First of all, you must understand that you have a very special duty to LMEYP. You are in charge of keeping the sense of humour of LMEYP, by being the Bizarro Minister of Communications, (we won't discuss it Aniz), as well as circulating the news. (I suggest interesting costumes for cabinet meetings, lots of fun comics and drawings, no matter how badly done. Oh, and don't forget the secret ingredient of sarcasm. Sarcasm makes everything yummier, only be careful not to be too spicy, (i.e. like a Spice Girl), because you are a member of a Parliament of sorts. Upper case letters are optional.

The yucky stuff:

Before you go to session arm yourself with, comics, a glue stick, pens and markers.

Question Period is the newsletter you make during session. Try to get one printed (the clerks will photocopy for you) every break, but don't stress if you can't make one that often.

Question is about a page (both sides) long. Be creative. Silly quotes and caricatures of other members are a-ok. Poke the Opposition. The Motion Paper is the thing you're writing and organizing. Ask, Our chives (er, Archives for back issues for examples). Format is completely up to you.

Legislation will decide how many issues of the Motion Paper you need to get out during your term.

Costs! There should still be tons of envelopes. You'll probably need stamps. Stickers are an optional but magical touch. Look for free photocopying, if you can get it, (talk to Aniz) but if not, CHEAP yet legible is best.

Set yourself a week after the submission deadline to get it together. Try to be organized. It helps.

The phone # list is vital for communicating. Hassling, hounding and threats of violence may be necessary in getting a submission from the members. Multiple calls may be necessary. You must get submissions. You must be FIRM about the deadline. If after, reasonable attempts and still no response, go ahead and complete the Motion Paper without their submission. Don't forget to remind them again (in any creative way) of their absent submission in the Motion Paper.

Please attend Cabinet meetings. They're not so bad.

HONOURABLE CHRISTOPHER CHAN
MINISTER OF FINANCE
10TH PARLIAMENT

FINANCE

[In the absence of a Continuity Report from the Minister of Finance of the Sixteenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, the Report of the Minister of Finance of the Tenth Parliament is included below.]

Dear James,

First, I would like to say thank you for taking part in my cabinet. I appoint you to the post of Minister of Finance, because of your well reputation, and many cabinet ministers had recommended you. This post gave me a not of knowledge and brought me close to many of my friends in YP (including you, Meighan, and Swithin).

Being the Minister of Finance is not the hardest thing in the world. It is actually one of the easiest job if you know how to do it right. Sure at first it's big hassle to get the account settled, and there will be many cheques for you to sign and manage right after the session. However, after that it is easy cruising all the way until the end of the year.

The first duty of the new Minister of Finance is to go with the other signing officers to the bank and give in your signatures. It is very important because that give you the ability to sign cheques. After that, the income and expenditures of the session will come in and you'll be responsible for writing cheques to person who paid bills out of their pocket, deposit income to the back, and make records on sheets and ledger.

After that, it will be calm for ages and nothing much will go on. Just hand in a report every three months to the Minister of Finance of BCYP. Around October, a big report will be due and you are two make a report sending everything from October the year before (1998) to October this year (1999) or what ever you have then.

After that big report, everything is easy cruising until March, when your term is over and time to hand it to the next fortunate soul. And your duty will be finish. And that is when I will no longer be your boss. :)

Therefore, as you can see it's an easy post where you could learn a great deal. I survived with a good record, so I am confident that you could do the same or even better. So I will now wish you good luck, and have a great term as my minister of Finance.

Break a leg my dear friend :)

HONOURABLE KATIE NIEMAN
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
10TH PARLIAMENT

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

[In the absence of a Continuity Report from the Parliamentary Secretary of the Sixteenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, the Report of the Parliamentary Secretary of the Tenth Parliament is included below.]

Dear Meighan,

The day has finally arrived when I can no longer call myself the Parliamentary Secretary. I had great fun on Aniz's cabinet and as I now accompany him to the other side I leave this very important job to you and wish you luck in keeping Chris and his cohorts on track.

There are only a few pearls of wisdom that I have to pass on so I guess I'll get to the point. There's not a whole heck of a lot to do at Session except the opening and closing bits where everyone is forced to listen to you, but you're scripted so it's not as much fun. Other than that, make the motions that concern your ministry and just generally keep track of what's going on. Yours is a place of dignity and power on the left hand of the premier. That also means that you're in the front row if things start to go bad. Luckily, our cabinet had a great AG last session (way to go Natanya) so things went pretty smoothly. I'm not sure who this year's AG is, but if they get in a bind you may have to help out with motions and organizational stuff. I know you can handle that!

After session is when the real fun begins. Replying to everyone that writes a note of encouragement plus notifying the people at the bottom of the PMR's may seem like a daunting task but it's actually not so bad if you spread it out over a couple weeks. The number of letters you get all depends on who your Premier wrote to and I don't know how over-zealous Chris has been this year. Last year Aniz told everyone about it so I ended up with upwards of one hundred letters to reply to. Luckily it's a fairly simple form letter to just about everyone outlining what we did at session and some of LMEYP and youth parliament's history. You can write some more personal thank you letters to the clerks and speakers and such if you like but you don't have to. Most importantly, try and get the letters from Chris before 5 minutes prior to session. I wish someone had warned me that I would have to pick one or two to be read out before each sitting and five or six of the best or from the most important people to put on the back of the section dividers in the journal. Talk to your clerks!

A handy thing to do is write the letter as soon as possible after session while it's all fresh in your mind. Then you can deal with addressing envelopes and stuff a few at a time. It was great for me last year, I was in grade 11 and didn't have to worry about exams right away. It's not wonderful to leave them until the end of June but if you have IB exams or finals or anything I would advise you not to worry about the letters until after. Plus, because many constituencies have slightly less than efficient secretaries (not like you of course), we were still getting letters a month after session wishing us luck. If you leave it a couple weeks you can get those replied to as well.

Most letters can be sent through Victoria or Ottawa who will funnel it to the proper office. Some can even be faxed if you must but if you budget enough for stamps a real letter is always nicer. Speaking of budget, don't bother getting much stationary or anything except for maybe some paper. We've got tons of stuff now because someone went envelope happy a little while ago. I'm sure there's still enough to cover this year's letters so make sure you get it from me, I'm tired of having it in my house. Speaking of budget, it didn't go through last year but try and get them to fund you for a printer cartridge if you're going to do most of the printing yourself. Stamps aren't a big bill and neither are long-distance faxing charges if you do it during the right time of day.

Just remember to address everyone by their proper titles (no Ms. or Mr. please, we all know what happened to Jack a while back) and then once they're sent off and done you can sit back and enjoy the fun stuff the other Mini-stars are still working on. Okily dokily Meighan, it looks like you're set! I had a great time and I hope you do too. Try and keep the hooligans on your side on task eh? And when all else fails, ask someone who's got a clue!

HONOURABLE MANJOT BAINS
MINISTER OF SERVICE
10TH PARLIAMENT

SERVICE

[In the absence of a Continuity Report from the Minister of Service of the Sixteenth Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, the Report of the Minister of Service of the Tenth Parliament is included below.]

Dear Daryl,

Congratulations on your appointment as the Minister of Service. This ministry is probably one of the more important one's because you plan events that will keep LMEYPers connected. I'm sure will do an excellent job of planning events for LMEYP and the community.

Hmmm...what advice can I give you? Well, first of all, you have to be very committed. That is one of the things that held this ministry back. You have to be willing to put aside school, exams, clubs, etc. and remember your commitment to LMEYP. That is where I failed, and I sincerely hope that you don't make the same mistake as I did. Secondly, make sure you plan your events during the summer. Trying to plan an event during school is difficult.

It might be a good idea to have a deputy minister to assist you in planning (and bug you to plan an event when it is the last thing on your mind). I also suggest having more cabinet meetings during the year so you can collaborate with fellow ministers about different events to hold.

This ministry can probably be really fun if you plan your events ahead of time and you get a lot of people to come. There are a lot of events held throughout the Lower Mainland in the summer that LMEYP could help out at and maybe set up a table at to educate others about who we are and what we do. It might be fun to collaborate with another youth parliament and hold joint projects together. This would be a great way to meet new people and get involved with the community.

I suppose I will leave you with a great joke (I'm pretty funny!). What do you call rich air? Millionaire! (Ha ha ha ha!) Hmmm, actually I think I've already told that one. No problem, there's plenty more where that came from. Just remember not to get stressed or anything like that and have a groovy time.

HONOURABLE SHYAM SINGH
PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE
17TH PARLIAMENT

REPORT ON PI (Π)

As it is in the tradition of Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament to publish Pi (π) to 50 digits for each session of LMEYP, I hereby present Pi (π) to 750 digits using the Gauss-Legendre method:

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HONOURABLE SHYAM SINGH
PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE
17TH PARLIAMENT

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
16TH LOWER MAINLAND EAST YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

Income:

Registration Fees \$600.00

Total Income:

\$600.00

Expense (Regional Planning Committee):

Charter Fee \$45.00

Food \$334.19

Printing and Photocopying -

Postage -

Site -

Gifts \$25.00

Supplies \$16.67

House Servant Parking -

House Servant Travel

Total Expense:

\$420.86

NET PROFIT (Loss):

\$179.14