

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN



85TH British Columbia Youth Parliament

The Premier

Hi everyone!

I'm writing to you as a senior Clerk of Regional Youth Parliaments. I'm currently looking for members who are too old to attend Regionals but would like to learn about clerking. For those who are interested, please let me know via email or FB message and I will try to teach you during my free time, a wonderful time for University students called Reading Break.

Clerking is absolutely awesome and sometimes you have more fun in the clerking room than in the House. I encourage all those who are too old to attend a regional to consider clerking a Regional.

Yours in the Clerking Room (AKA the Clerking Dungeon),

Ambrose
Premier

The Leader of the Opposition

Dear members of the 85th British Columbia Youth Parliament,

If you are reading this, that is already a huge success for BCYP. Hopefully you are well on your way to your donation totals (serious here) and are already looking forward to the monthly afternoon programs and regional youth parliaments you will be helping out with or attending. I know school and other responsibilities are just starting up, and those are really awesome and part of the reason why you are in BCYP, but don't fall off the face of the earth because we need you too. Thank you for your continued participation, and make sure everyone you remember from BCYP stays in it too.

Regards,

Nathan How
Leader of the Opposition

Deputy Premier & Minister of Finance

Hey everybody!

I hope everyone is dealing well with the post-Sessional depression; hopefully your regional minister's activities have kept the blues away! Anyways I'm going to go over a few Finance related things that are boring. First of all, all finance related things should be mailed to me at:

Mackenzie Lockhart
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This includes donation totals and receipts. Speaking of donation totals, your first one is quickly approaching! The total is \$40 and must be received or postmarked by February 1st! A few things about this. Firstly you are not limited to just sending in \$40; if you've fundraised \$75, send in the \$75! Secondly if you don't manage to fundraise the \$40, there are two options available: you can either send \$40 and fundraise the money later, or you can e-mail (mackenzie.lockhart@bcyp.org) me asking for an extension. I don't need to know the details of your fundraising, so if you plan on doing it at a later date, sending in \$40 by the deadline will work. Finally I must emphasize that you must only send checks payable to "Youth Parliament of BC Alumni Society"!

A few things about our donation policies: When writing donation total cheques, remember to put your name in the memo section, just so we can keep track of who's who. As well, if anybody who has donated would like a tax receipt for income tax purposes, BCYP only issues those for donations over \$20. Just a reminder: if you plan to solicit from any prominent persons in your community, please contact me first to ensure someone else hasn't done so already.

If anyone in the Lower Mainland is interested in attending VYP, I am currently looking for a Shadow Cabinet and I can guarantee a spot on it for any BCYP members! If anyone wants to chat about anything I've just said, feel free to shoot me an e-mail or Facebook message!

Yours in Parliament,

Mackenzie Lockhart

Attorney General

Hi Members,

The 85th session shattered my expectations (my favorite one thus far)! Congratulations on a successful and productive session. You guys blew me away with your horde of PMRs, and thoroughly impressed me with the amount of people standing up to deliberate in PMRs and legislation. Just from looking over your PMRs I can tell that we have a membership that is enthusiastic, diverse, and erudite.

Remember that communication is key to success in this organization. If you are confused with the returning requirements, the activities that are going on, the legislation we passed, or anything related to BCYP please ask Cabinet as we are all happy to help you out. That same principle spills over to the social aspect of BCYP, since we are all spread out over B.C. it is important to keep in contact with the innumerable friends you've made.

Finally, I want to sincerely thank y'all for electing me Leader of Opposition. I promise to forge a highly skilled Shadow Cabinet (SAT scores required as following precedence from Nathan) to create another unforgettable and interesting session next year.

I hope to see everyone at all the social events, Regional Youth Parliaments, and fundraisers.

Until then,

Yours Truly,

Jason Zhou

Attorney General.

Minister of RYPs

Hey Everyone!

I hope you guys have all gotten over your post-BCYP blues because RYPs are just around the corner!! They are all in the planning process and they will be here before you know it! First, I have to keep you guys updated on some very vital information. The dates have once again been shifted around due to schedule conflicts, the dates will be listed as follows:

VYP: March 7 - 10

NSYP: March 14 - 16 (tentative, subject to change. Stay tuned!)

VIYP: March 29 - 31

LMEYP: April 25 - 17

SIYP: May 2 - 5

NBCYP: May 23 - 25 OR May 30 - June 1

These dates have been set as stated due to spring break, conflicts with MUN and exam season for university.

I thank all those who have already approached me about helping out at one or more of the following RYPS. However, with the date change, I'm going to have those for volunteered for a RYP that had a change in date to please contact me again! It is way easier for 95 of you guys to find me than for me to contact 95 of you guys!

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding RYPs please feel free to contact me at sisizhou@bcyp.org!

Yours in Parliament,

Sisi

Minister of External Affairs & Public Relations

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone is keeping the post-session excitement going! I was super happy to see all the members from the Lower Mainland who showed up to the meeting and skating afterwards. It was a lot of fun and seeing everyone again was a pleasure. I know the regional ministers in the other regions are also hard at work planning events for their members. Now onto the actual information!

I'm going to start by putting on my Public Relations hat. In the few weeks since session ended, I've already been approached by numerous members about interviews and the like. Some members have even taken the initiative to start talks with their local newspaper about interviews. If you want to approach your local newspaper or news station, or if they approach you, make sure to send me an email (angus.lockhart@bcyp.org).

You should have received an email from me recently that outlines the basics of our public relations policy. If you didn't get that email from me, you should make sure to tell me because it's very important and helpful email to read. This might be a moot point though because if the email address I sent it too didn't work, I doubt this will find its way to you.

Now changing into my External Affairs hat! Yet again I must sadly say I have no new information to report about the Western Canada Youth Parliament. I'll just take this opportunity to repeat the information you (maybe) already know. Westerns is taking place on the Victoria Day long weekend in May (16th to the 19th). This year it falls upon the Saskatchewan Youth Parliament to host the event. For more information on the history of Westerns, you can look at the SYP website: <http://www.saskyouthparliament.com/events/westernyouth/>.

At the moment, the only upcoming youth parliament of which I am aware is the Ontario Youth Parliament. They are holding their annual session from the 14th to the 17th of February. I do not know the specifics of our relationship with them in the past, and so I do not know if BCYP traditionally sends or receives ambassadors from them. I did have the pleasure to exchange emails with Robynne Howard, their Premier. She seems to me to be a very nice and receptive premier, so if you are interested in attending OYP as an ambassador, it's possible that something could be arranged but you need to contact me as soon as possible.

Anyway, I'd like to conclude by thanking you for actually reading all of this. I know my ministries aren't the most glamorous so I'd assume a lot of members will just skip over this.

Yours in Parliament,

Angus Lockhart
Minister of Public Relations and External Affairs

DEPUTY SPEAKER

'Sup Parliamentarians,

So this is our first post-sessional Parliamentarian and we're all supposed to come up with brilliant things to say to you but it's a rainy Saturday and I'm feeling a little uninspired, and so I think I'll just ramble. Firstly, I want to congratulate those on the Lower Island for taking part in their first fundraising project - mega points for all of you in my books. Also, good on everyone in the Lower Mainland who took part in the social we had a few weeks ago. My constant Facebook notifications tells me that you all miss each other dearly and so it'll be great for you guys to get together, reconnect, and hopefully talk about some of the projects the Lower Mainland hopes to put on this year at our bowling fundraiser in February.

Secondly, on the note of Regionals - a few of you came up to me and had a couple of questions during Session, which I kind of brushed off cause I had a couple of Sessional things to take care of and for that I am truly sorry! If you still want to talk, feel free to email me or Sisi and we'd be happy to oblige. I was the Regional Minister last year and so Regionals are very special to me! They're like mini-BCYP's and so you can expect they're tons of fun if you've never attended one before. If you're regional age, I would encourage you to attend a regional if not several regionals (as an ambassador). IF you're no longer regional age (if you've graduated from high school), I'd get in contact with Sisi and ask how you can go about participating in regionals in another way. Just like Session, there are a hundred of little things that go into making Regionals work and so all help is appreciated!

Thirdly, I miss wearing pretty dresses. It's been raining here for a while and so sweats have become my norm.

And that's about it for me... Hope you're all well!

Yours through the rain,

Darya Ali

Provincial Secretary and Minister of Archives

Hey BCYPeeps!

Your dutiful (Provincial) Secretary here. Hopefully you're all (slowly) readjusting to "normal" life. (Who wants to be normal when you can be a part of BCYP? I mean, come on). I had an awesome time with all of you that my classes feel even slower than some of that legislation! Here at BCYP, the good times never end, so I hope you'll stick with us!

A friendly reminder about letter requests. Send me an email (chris.coulson@bcyp.org) to request specific letters (or all of them, if you like). You'll get a lovely digital copy that you can treasure always!

Switching Ministries - the archives are a veritable cornucopia and treasure trove of facts, tradition and history. If you want to check it out - maybe you're writing a report, or an article, or you want to learn about BCYP's history, or you want to glean some new ideas - let me know! I'll be planning an official 'excursion' down to UBC Irving K. Barber Learning Centre's basement once we're close to the end of the sessional year to add everything we've done in one deposit. You'll all be welcome to attend that when it happens; however, if you wish to just chill out down there (which I totally understand, it's really cool) I'll be happy to oblige in a small intro to the system - just give me a shout, and we'll plan something out.

Also, please come to VYP if you can. It's going to be awesome.

"It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech." - Mark Twain

"Say what you mean, mean what you say, and do what you said you would do." - BCYP Saying

Yours Truly,
Chris

A message from the...

Minister of Communications

Bonjour tout le monde!

I hope you enjoyed the first post-sessional Parliamentarian. It may not be the most esthetically appealing Parliamentarian made, but I promise I tried (and its exam season for us in high school, with semesters)! If anyone wants to pass along a template they think would look nice be my guest (I made this from scratch...obviously, and it only took like 3.5hrs). And, if any member can find 10 typos/spelling mistakes through the course of this year's Parliamentarians the offer of a free Starbucks drink stands (you'll know what I'm talking about if you read the E-digest). On another note if you took a photo of the legislature and you'd like to have it featured on the cover of the next Parliamentarian you can e-mail me at preet.shoker@bcyp.org.

Stay gold (The Outsiders reference!!),

Preet Shoker

Registrar

As in previous years, Lower Mainland and Interior members travelled between Vancouver and Victoria with Pacific Coach Lines. This year as in the past, PCL was able to give us a discounted charter rate that allowed members to continue to be able to travel to and from Session efficiently and comfortably.

Thank you for your support!

Dora

Registrar



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