

# THE PARLIAMENTARIAN



85<sup>TH</sup> British Columbia Youth Parliament

# The Premier

Dear Parliamentarians,

RYPs are coming so I hope you all try to participate in some part of RYPs either as a member or a House Servant team!

Please also don't forget to bring up ideas to your regional ministers about Service or fundraising projects we could do! Remember what the Oath of BCYP was. We are here to further the mental, physical, spiritual, social well-being of the Youth of BC! Find volunteer services that your BCYP friends can help and then maybe make a social afterwards! I encourage you all to approach your minister about projects!

As well, please let me introduce to you two new ministers! Jasmina is our Deputy Minister of the Lower Mainland and Morgan is our Deputy Minister of the Interior! Members from those regions can also contact the two ministers when you need some help planning events! I hope to see more events happening in the next few weeks and months! Also, Tony will be giving us more information about the Monthly Afternoon Program soon! So if you have any ideas, please let Tony know!

I will have a few more emails to send to the membership so look out in your email inboxes for emails from me!

Yours in the Premier's Office (aka doesn't exist LOL)

Ambrose Yung

The Premier

# Minister of Finance

Hey Parl Geeks!

It's me again! I've got an update for everyone regarding donation totals. Attached is a list of all the donations I've received so far, so if your name isn't on the list you but you've sent in a donation please send me an e-mail ASAP! A number of you mistakenly addressed cheques to someone other than the "Youth Parliament of BC Alumni Society". I'll try to deposit these cheques but I cannot guarantee the teller will accept them. If this is the case, I'll contact you ASAP so we can discuss it. Keep up the good work!

Yours in Parliament,

Mackenzie Lockhart

# Minister of Service & Community Fundraising

Hi Parliamentarians,

The 27th Vancouver Youth Parliament is taking place this year at UBC (Henry Angus Building) on March 7-9th. This is a great opportunity for you to develop public speaking skills, meet new friends, and re-live the **parliamentarian** experience. As with all regional youth parliaments, there will be more debate on private member resolutions compared to bills, so enjoy that! Applications are due February 21st, so get on it! However, if you think you will be late, please message Chris Coulson (CRO for 27th VYP) at [chris.coulson@bcyp.org](mailto:chris.coulson@bcyp.org) to let him know, and he will accommodate you. Members living in Vancouver, Richmond or Delta can apply as a member. If you do not live in those areas, you can still come to VYP, but as an ambassador. If you are interested in being an ambassador, please email Chris or myself for more info. Lastly, spread the message and invite your friends. The more the merrier!

Sincerely yours,

Tony Zhao

# Attorney General

Hi everyone,

A congratulations is in store for all of you guys! I thought I had seen it all at such an enthusiastic and exciting session this year but I was wrong. You guys keep on surprising me with the amount of dedication and commitment you put into events after session. The fundraisers, and socials have been absolutely amazing thus far and I can't wait to see what else you guys can do.

This year I will be your Chair for Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament (LMEYP) which will be happening from April 11-13 at the New West City Hall (extremely close to the Skytrain station). For those of you living in Abbotsford, Aldergrove, Anmore, Belcarra, Burnaby, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Coquitlam, Langley, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Surrey, and White Rock this is your chance to participate in the long awaited and super awesome Regional Youth Parliaments. Tell your friends to join as well!

If any members living outside those regions wish to participate you can also do by being an ambassador. Also, if any members want to be an assistant clerk and learn more about what goes on behind the scenes (edit PMRs/legislation, compile the journal) please contact the Head Clerk Darya Ali for more information (she's really picky about who she wants, so good luck!). Application forms for LMEYP should be coming out in two weeks so keep your eyes peeled and I will let you guys know!

Hope everyone is doing well, and see you soon.

All the best,

Jason Zhou

Attorney General

# Minister of External Affairs & Public Relations

Hello Parliamentarians!

The Western Canada Youth Parliament is fast approaching so it's time to sign up. If you are interested in attending Westerns, respond to this email ASAP. The deadline for signing up is **February the 28th** and before that you need to talk to me to get a link to the online sign-up sheet so make sure to respond to this email as soon as possible! Below is more information on Westerns themselves to help make your decision.

The first and probably most important thing to cover is the cost. Saskatchewan Youth Parliament has set the registration cost at \$175, which includes "accommodations, meals while at the event, and transportation around Regina for the weekend". Significantly, this does not cover the travel costs to and from Regina. Right now it's looking like travel to and from Westerns is going to cost around \$600-700 (which is higher than I previously told Cabinet). Unfortunately we are travelling over a long weekend and we are booking the flights late which means that they will cost more than I was hoping. Me and Ambrose are hoping to book the flights for members, but you will be in charge of covering the cost of the flight.

In terms of details about the event itself, it will take place from the 16th to the 19th of May. While in Regina we will be staying at the Luther College Residency and session itself will take place at the Saskatchewan Legislature which is very exciting. There is a total of 20 seats available to BCYP maximum so if you are interested, please respond as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask me. I will do the best to answer them myself and if I can't, I'll talk to the SYPs Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Yours in Parliament,

Angus Lockhart

Minister of Public Relations and External Affairs

# Minister of the Interior & New Member Relations

Hi everyone,

Congratulations to the members who have received an award for "Best New Member for..." Although these are usually awarded at session, this year we mailed award out to the winning members.

Best Dressed Male: Paul Okano

Best Dressed Female: Clea Harrison

Most Enthusiastic: Khaled Nassra

Best Traveler: Donovan Hunter

Best New Friend: Tara Joshi, Gavin Purdy, and Ignatius Chan

Interior:

I am excited to inform the membership of the selection of the Deputy Minister of the Interior, Morgan Weir! She will be looking after most of the projects in the Northern Interior, so feel free to contact her with questions.

Also, I'm planning to have another Interior regional meeting via Skype the week of March 9th to March 13th. Please check your emails for the date and time later in the next few weeks.

With the upcoming regionals, NBCYP and SIYP, we will be having a Kicking Horse coffee fundraiser, with delivery and the regionals. Interior members will be expected to sell coffee to family and friends, as our big group fundraiser. More information to follow!

Yours in Parliament,

Jesse Bartsoff

# Minister of Corporate Relations & Internet Affairs

Dear Parliamentarians,

Just a few quick reminders from my end. Information for Regional Youth Parliaments which have had their charters passed can be found on our website at [bcyp.org/ryps](http://bcyp.org/ryps) and follow the links. You can find the application form and contact information for the chair. Also please keep in mind that you must speak with me prior to contacting businesses or prominent individuals even if you have a personal relationship with them. Also if you are aware of any grants or sponsorship opportunities that you think BCYP would be eligible please let me know, we can always use more money. Finally a shameless plug for Southern Interior Youth Parliament: Mark your calendars for May 2-4 if you're interested in being a member or an ambassador this year and spread it around your friends! Hope everyone is getting their donations in and that you are all enjoying serving your communities with the friends you made at session.

Yours in Parliament,

Seamus Benwell

# Minister of the LM

Hey Parliamentarians,

I hope you're all enjoying school. I am extremely busy with school (I graduate in three weeks) and so I will be unable to organize a social event for February. But you guys should definitely have one anyway! The Facebook group is talking about some fun ideas!

The next Lower Mainland service project will be the UBC Relay for Life on March 7th, which Tony will be organizing. If you are interested in being involved in this project, you should talk to Tony. The one after that will be volunteering for the Vancouver Sun Run on April 27th which I'll be organizing. Volunteer registration has not opened yet. I will make a Facebook post when it does. And finally, I hope you've all applied for RYPs!

Yours in Parliament,

Rowan Jang

A message from the...

# Minister of Communications

**Privet vsem! (A Russian greeting in the spirit of the Olympics!)**

Unfortunately I recently heard from a senior cabinet member that a vast majority of these Parliamentarians aren't read by the membership, so I'm going to test that hypothesis. The first member (excluding members of the cabinet) to email me with the answer to the following question will receive a token of appreciation via snail mail from yours truly: What is the word shameless used to describe in this issue of the Parliamentarian?

**P.S.** I hope everyone is enjoying the Olympics as much as I am, my favourite event so far: the Canadian women's hockey final.

Yours in Parliament,

Preet Shoker