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Salt Spring Island



DEDICATION

This Journal of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament is dedicated to the advancement of social responsibility among youth parliamentarians. It is through a sense social responsibility that youth choose to debate many issues of importance to ours and other's well-being, and turning that into legislation and finally acting upon it. Without this, Youth Parliaments would not be held.

Sincerely,

Ryder Bergerud

Premier, 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Members and Ambassadors of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament,

Congratulations on a successful Parliamentary Session. It has been my honour and privilege to serve as your Speaker this weekend. I look forward to seeing the plans you have made this weekend carried out through the year ahead.

I have been impressed by the participation of all Members and Ambassadors in debates on both legislation and resolutions. You have tackled sensitive topics with maturity and lighthearted proposals with an appreciation of the absurd, and found the balance between the two. By voting in favour of private members' resolutions, you will allow your collective voice to be heard by those in positions of authority in the government and community. By passing your legislation, you have set the stage for VIYP to be able to fulfill the terms of its Charter from British Columbia Youth Parliament through participation in service and fundraising projects organised by Cabinet.

This weekend, the foundation of an entire year of VIYP events, would not have been possible without the efforts of some important individuals. The Regional Planning Committee, composed of Chair Susie Bowles, Chief Returning Officer Emily Gage, Premier Ryder Bergerud and Leader of the Opposition Kelsey Mech, deserve more thanks than most of you may realise for their tireless efforts to organise Session, recruit Members and Ambassadors, and ensure the smooth running of this weekend.

Over the course of these few days, reams of paper have crossed the desks in the House. The production and safekeeping of those papers, and the production of the Journal, was the responsibility of the (Battlestar) Clerking Team, led by (Admiral) Chief Clerk Karen Ratchford. Karen and her assistants, (Executive Officer) Clerk Emily Gage and (Major) Clerk Susannah Jesse. The Clerks worked through late nights, breaks spent inside looking longingly at the sun, and a great deal of stress to produce the fabulous Journal you now hold in your hands, and for that they have my sincere thanks.

My able and hirsute Deputy, Jeremy McElroy, once again brought his parliamentary pedigree and knowledge to bear on the task of chairing your Committees and taking the Chair in my absence. He also took on the task of preparing the legislation for printing in the Journal after your debates were complete. Jeremy's good humour and debate skills were an asset to VIYP that Members may not fully appreciate, and I am very grateful for his support.

Premier Ryder Bergerud and Leader of the Opposition Kelsey Mech led the house with style and skill, as well as contributing to the behind-the-scenes organisation of Session. Cabinet was a solid leadership presence in the House, and Shadow Cabinet did an excellent job of challenging Cabinet appropriately. The Attorney General, Karn Safaya, has my particular thanks for asking questions, listening to the answers, and putting up with my massive emails about the minutiae of the AG job.

Salt Spring Island and Gulf Islands Secondary provided an amazing venue for VIYP this year, the second year in a row after a three-year hiatus. Last year at this time, I expressed a desire to never again see VIYP go on hiatus for that long. I was happy and honoured to be able to be a part of making this year's VIYP happen, but with no House Leaders-Elect I worry for VIYP's future beyond this sessional year. As each you go forward, think about what you can do not just to better the lives of people in your community, but to help this parliament continue into the future.

Yours in Parliament,

Dora Turje
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament



A PROCLAMATION

VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT

To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Eighteenth Session of the Vancouver Island 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 Eighteenth Session of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament be convened.

IN PURSUANCE OF THIS COMMAND, we do enjoin each of you that on Friday, the eighth 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 eighth day of May, in the two thousandth and ninth year.

Ms Judy Raddysch
Lieutenant Governor
Eighteenth Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

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Vancouver Island 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 Vancouver Island and thus uphold the ideals of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.”

FORMER HOUSE LEADERS OF THE VANCOUVER YOUTH PARLIAMENT					
#	YEAR	LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	SPEAKER	PREMIER	LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
1	1988	Sharon Pratt	Rob MacDonald	Debbie Morrison	John Crane
2	1989	Susan Veenstra	Sean Vanderfluit	Mark Veerkamp	Brenda Bhandar
3	1990	Sarah Weir	Dean Crawford	Jonathan Wand	Steve Wellburn
4	1991	Russ Brown	Bruce Hallsor	Victor Tuomi	Chris Verbrugge
5	1992	Elizabeth Cull, MLA	Ken Donohue	Mark Van Akker	Jennifer Brandle
6	1993	Richard Johnson	Sharon Hallsor (Pratt)	Jeff Dorion	Mark Van Akker
7	1994	Dave Lovick	Victor Tuomi	Beatrice McCutcheon	Rachel Kuin
8	1995	Victor Tuomi	Rosa-Lea Millard	Sang Kiet Ly	Sue Barclay
9	1996	Ross Imrie	Craig Bell	Shannon Slater	Ben Young
10	1997	Bruce Hallsor	Hubert Chan	Sharon Steele	Stephanie Sturdy
11	1998	Brian Atwell	Shane Thomas	Ashley Morton	Ming Kang
12	1999	Joel Freedman	Kristi Cave	Chalium Poppy	Luwam Sebhatu
13	2000	Murray Coell, MLA	Chris Chan	Steve McGuigan	Lorne Phipps
14	2001	Judy Brownoff	Aniz Alani	Lorne Phipps	Lana Olague
15	2003	Kerry Simmons	Victor Tuomi	Elizabeth Tribe	Rachael White
16	2004	Gerald Fussell	Kerry Simmons	Graeme Bock	Johnathan Grieve
17	2008	Marty Cross	Dora Turje	Emily Gage	George Anderson
18	2009	Judy Raddysch	Dora Turje	Ryder Bergerud	Kelsey Mech

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 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 22nd Session.

Today, under the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act, 2009*, 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 Chairperson appointed by the Minister,
 - a Chief Returning Officer, responsible for the recruitment of members and administration of nominations;
 - the Premier of the upcoming Regional Youth Parliament Session,
 - at least one Member of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, where practicable, and
 - 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 Lieutenant Governor,
 - a Speaker,
 - a Deputy Speaker,
 - a Chief Clerk,
 - at least one assistant Clerk, selected by the Chief Clerk,
 - a Legislative Liaison, and
 - 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
- each Regional Planning Committee,
 - the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee, and
 - 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 proposed set of regional boundaries,
 - a written report indicating the feasibility of a Regional Youth Parliament in the proposed region,
 - the proposed site of the Regional Youth Parliament Session,
 - the proposed dates of the Regional Youth Parliament Session,
 - 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 (Consolidated 2008), 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 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 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 jeopardize the RYP's status as a legitimate organization;
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.

RYP Premiers 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, 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 one week 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 Vancouver Island region, and to facilitate the discussion of issues that are important the youth of the region, the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament is hereby Chartered as an Unrestricted Regional Youth Parliament, in accordance with sections 9 and 10 of the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act 2009*, on the 6th day of April, 2009.

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 Allison
Premier
80th British Columbia Youth Parliament

Mr. Ryder Bergerud
Premier
18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

Ms Elizabeth Woods
Minister of Finance
18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009

The House met at 1956 hours.

OPENING CEREMONIES.

This being the first day of the First Session of the Eighteenth Vancouver Island Youth Parliament for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable Judy Raddysh, Lieutenant Governor, dated the 8th day of May, 2009, the Members took their seats, after having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

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

The Honourable *Sarah Lundy* (Archives, Communications, and Regional Secretary) said:

“MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT:

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

Her Honour then retired from the House.

MOVED by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier), and SECONDED by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition) that the *Standing Orders of the Eighteenth Vancouver Island Youth Parliament* be now adopted as the authority by which this House is governed.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

MOVED by *Alberto Galleguillos* (Saanich South), and SECONDED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that Ms *Dora Turje*, Member for Lasqueti Island, do take the Speaker’s Chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly.

CARRIED

Ms *Karen Ratchford*, Clerk of the House, declared Ms *Dora Turje* duly elected Speaker.

Ms *Dora Turje* was taken from her place by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier) and *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition) and after a dashing attempt at escape through the upstairs doors and a rough fall of the Leader of the Opposition, was conducted to the Chair where, standing on the upper step, she breathlessly 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 with a number, and wearing a pair of fabulous bright pinky-purple socks.

REFLECTIONS.

The Honourable Speaker then called upon the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier) 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 Vancouver Island;

I Hereby certify that, from the returns received, the duly elected Members of the Eighteenth Vancouver Island Youth Parliament are as follows:

<i>Electoral District</i>	<i>Elected Member</i>
Alberni-Pacific Rim.....	Kelsey Mech
Broken Group Islands.....	Jeremy McElroy
Comox Valley.....	Jessica Harkema
Cowichan Valley.....	Soloman Reece

Esquimalt-Royal Roads.....	Sonja Kornelsen
Juan de Fuca.....	James Twaites
Lasqueti Island.....	Dora Turje
Nanaimo.....	Eva Olynyk
Nanaimo-North Cowichan.....	Ryder Bergerud
North Island.....	Karn Safaya
Oak Bay-Gordon Head.....	Lind-E Hoban
Saanich North and the Islands.....	Sarah Lundy
Saanich South.....	Alberto Galleguillos
Victoria-Beacon-Hill.....	Eleanor Brouard-John
Victoria-Swan Lake.....	Elizabeth Woods

Yours very truly,

Emily Gage
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 she do approve and appoint the printing thereof, and no person print the same.

ORDERED: That Mr. *Jeremy McElroy*, Member for the Broken Group Islands, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.”

The Honourable Speaker then said:

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

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

The Honourable Speaker, standing immediately to the right of Her 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 Vancouver Island 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 *Sarah Lundy* (Archives, Communications, and Regional Secretary) said:

“HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, to declare to you that She freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House to the youth of the Vancouver Island region and not doubting that your respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, She 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 Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor upon all seasonable occasions, and that your proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from Her the most favourable construction.”

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then opened the First Session of the Eighteenth Vancouver Island Youth Parliament by reading the following gracious speech:

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

“HONOURABLE SPEAKER, HONOURED GUESTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT:

Welcome to the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament. It is great to see members here both new and familiar with the Youth Parliament experience. First of all I’d like to recognize that this year’s VIYP is being held on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people. I

would like to congratulate you for taking the time to engage yourselves in such a unique experience as this. Youth Parliaments are a great opportunity to discover and develop not only the debating and legislating talents you possess, but also to connect and network with other like-minded youth within the region.

For those of you that are new to this experience, look forward to a steep but not too difficult learning curve in the few days ahead. Standing Orders, PMRs and Amendment Acts, and other related acronyms and words will hopefully become familiar as you work with them. Don't hesitate to ask your Head of House, either the Premier or the Leader of the Opposition for any help or guidance throughout session. Everyone is here to support each other in making this an engaging learning opportunity.

I trust you will have a memorable experience at this year's 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament."

Her 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 Her Honour's speech."

PRO FORMA BILL.

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

Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) said:

"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 *Karn Safaya* (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.

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Written Greetings:

1. Honourable Gary Lunn, PC, MP for Saanich South, Minister of State for Sport.

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

CARRIED

MOVED by the Honourable *Sarah Lundy* (Archives, Communications, and Regional Secretary), and SECONDED by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier) that a humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, as follows:

"TO HER HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF VANCOUVER ISLAND 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 Deputy Premier seemed to be confused about the gender of the lovely Madame Speaker. Thankfully, the Speaker was kind enough to perform an anatomical check.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that the Member for Tom Zarek be now heard.

The House divided on the motion, which was resolved as follows:

DEFEATED

YEAS – 8

NAYS – 9

Motion (and the Deputy Speaker) shot down.

The Attorney General was all too keen to hear what the Member for Tom Zarek had to say, although the rest of the House thought otherwise.

Debate resumed on the motion by Honourable *Sarah Lundy* (Archives, Communications, and Regional Secretary), and SECONDED by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier)

Government won the race, despite a valiant attempt by the Critic of Service.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Sarah Lundy* (Archives, Communications, and Regional Secretary).

CARRIED

MOVED by the Honourable *Elizabeth Woods* (Finance) that the Committee of Supply be appointed for this Session of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

CARRIED

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

MOVED by the Honourable *Ele Brouard-John* (Service and Social Affairs) 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.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that a Bill intituled *Vancouver Island 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.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that a Bill intituled *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.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier) that the House adjourn until 0930 hours, Saturday 9 May 2009.

CARRIED

And then the House adjourned at 2048 hours.

DORA TURJE
Speaker of the House

KAREN RATCHFORD
Chief Clerk of the House

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009

The House met at 0934 hours.

Mme. Speaker in the Chair with her fabulous common sense stick.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

PRAYERS OR REFLECTIONS.

Reflections by *Soloman Reece* (Deputy Premier and External Affairs) in his traditional language of Tsim Al Liux.

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Written Greetings:

1. Hon. Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia.

QUESTION PERIOD.

The House proceeded to a thirteen minute Question Period.

The Leader of the Opposition has sticky fingers when it comes to the Attorney General's hat, although she names one of her Deputies as the true thief. The LofO is apparently not only teaching her critics the way of the shadow, but also criminal behavior. The clerks hide their own hats in fear. The DLofo CAG accused the Deputy Premier of being 'less than well-endowed' last night. The LofO seems to not understand the difference between borrowing and stealing. Thankfully the Deputy Speaker/Member for the Broken Group Islands/Member for Tom Zarek is well versed in the law and was able to explain the fine line between the two. The Speaker apparently swears in Hungarian, but doesn't lie (much).

GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Second Reading of Bills.

MOVED by the Honourable *Ele Brouard-John* (Service and Social Affairs) that Bill (No. 2), *Parliamentary Activities Act, 2009* be introduced and read a second time now.

A debate arose.

Frog and bird sounds were heard from under the desks of cabinet. No, there was not a secret Cabinet terrarium, but a phone crudely attached with tape under the desks.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Ele Brouard-John* (Service and Social Affairs).

CARRIED

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

Committee Stage of Bills.

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

The House in Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 2); Mr. *Jeremy McElroy* in the chair.

The House resumed, Mme. Speaker in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported Bill (No. 2) 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.

Second Reading of Bills.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that Bill (No. 3), *Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Amendment Act, 2009*, be read a second time now.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General).

CARRIED

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

Committee Stage of Bills.

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

The House in Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 3); Mr. *Jeremy McElroy* in the chair.

The Premier was not seen fit to assume dictatorial status. The House agreed that the Premier's secret recipe for pudding should remain secret. Also there was at least one serious amendment.

The House resumed, Mme. Speaker in the Chair with HIV and a Stack O' Journals.

The Committee rose and reported Bill (No. 3) incomplete with amendment, and asked leave to sit again.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by *Alberto Galleguillos* (Saanich South) that the House adjourn until 1230 hours this afternoon.

CARRIED

And then the House adjourned at 1145 hours.

DORA TURJE
Speaker of the House

KAREN RATCHFORD
Chief Clerk of the House

2009 Legislative Session: 1st Session, 18th Parliament

No. 3

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009

The House met at 1232 hours, Mme. Speaker in the Chair with a magical chicken-bunny.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

PRAYERS OR REFLECTIONS.

Reflections by *Jeremy McElroy* (Deputy Speaker).

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Verbal Greetings:

1. Susie Bowles, Chair of VIYP, Minister of Corporate Relations and Finance of BCYP.

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS.

Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) tabled the Report on the Regional Youth Parliaments Act, 2009.

Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) requested leave to table the Report on Senate Legislative Review of the 17th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

LEAVE GRANTED

Honourable *Elizabeth Woods* (Finance) rose to present the financial statements of the 17th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

Honourable *Elizabeth Woods* (Finance) rose to present budget estimates of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

Honourable *Sarah Lundy* (Archives, Communication, and Regional Secretary) tabled the following Continuity Reports:

1. Premier of the 17th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament;
2. Leader of the Opposition of the 17th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament;
3. Attorney General of the 17th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament;
4. Minister of External Affairs of the 17th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

Honourable *Ele Brouard-John* (Service and Social Affairs) tabled the following Continuity Reports:

1. Deputy Premier of the 15th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament;
2. Minister of Archives of the 15th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament;
3. Minister of Communications of the 15th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

QUESTION PERIOD.

The House proceeded to a fourteen minute Question Period.

The Attorney General may or may not be (metaphorically) sleeping on the couch tonight, despite his talent at backpedalling. The Speaker shared interesting facts about the sexual habits of barnacles. The Leader of the Opposition admitted knowledge of the Frog Phone, and had her integrity questioned by the Attorney General. The Premier answered the phone (and therefore should take responsibility for its disruption), and considered the phone a gift. The Leader of the Opposition professes the phone was stolen, and would appreciate its quick return in exchange for a toy phone for the Premier (which would probably work just as well as a real cell phone anyways, considering the horrible reception on this island!).

GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Committee Stage of Bills.

Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) called Committee of the Whole to resume debate Bill (No. 3).

The House in Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 3), Mr *Jeremy McElroy* in the Chair.

The House resumed, Mme. Speaker in the Chair, with *Nessie* (the Scottish one, not the half-vampire one).

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.

Second Reading of Bills.

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

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

Committee Stage of Bills.

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

The House in Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 4); Mr. *Jeremy McElroy* in the chair.

The House resumed, Mme. Speaker in the Chair with pom-poms.

The Committee rose and reported Bill (No. 4) complete without amendment.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

MOVED by *Jessica Harkema* (Critic of Communications) and SECONDED by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition),

RESOLUTION (NO. 7)

IN SUPPORT OF CANADIAN CITIZENS HAVING THE RIGHT TO PERSONAL EUTHANASIA

WHEREAS people who are currently faced with terminal illnesses do not have the legal opportunity to a physician's assistance in ending their lives;

AND WHEREAS it has been proposed that physician-assisted personal euthanasia should be a legal right.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports Canadian citizens having the right to personal euthanasia.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Prime Minister of Canada, and
 - (b) the Minister of Health of Canada.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Jessica Harkema* (Critic of Communications) and SECONDED by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition).

CARRIED

Resolution agreed to.

MOVED by *Eva Olynyk* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Critic of External Affairs) and SECONDED by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition),

RESOLUTION (NO. 4)

IN SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTION OF NATIONAL SHUT UP DAY

WHEREAS everyone is always making way to much noise;

AND WHEREAS nobody needs to mow their lawn, yell at the driver in front of them, or watch hockey every day;

AND WHEREAS most of the things people say are boring and irrelevant anyways;

AND WHEREAS bird watching and finger painting would be so much easier;

AND WHEREAS it would just be really really cool.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the institution of National Shut Up Day.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Prime Minister of Canada, and
 - (b) the Minister of Health of Canada, and
 - (c) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by the *Eva Olynyk* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Critic of External Affairs) and SECONDED by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition).

DEFEATED

Resolution negatived.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that the Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of singing the Penguin Song.

CARRIED

Standing Orders suspended.

The Penguin Song was sung to the great amusement of guests in the gallery and the disappointment of the Chair who missed it.

Standing Orders resumed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

MOVED by *James Twaites* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Critic of Attorney General) and SECONDED by *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General),

RESOLUTION (NO. 5)

IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGALIZATION OF POLYGAMY AND POLYANDRY

WHEREAS laws exist to address child abuse, statutory rape, and the abuse of women;

AND WHEREAS some argue that the acts of polygamy and polyandry do not directly cause emotional or physical harm;

AND WHEREAS it is a traditional religious practice of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and freedom of religious practice is supported by Canadian law;

AND WHEREAS Canadian law does not prohibit non-marital sexual group relationships;

AND WHEREAS wives in a polygamist or polyandrous relationship currently file taxes and apply for social assistance as single mothers and government money is spent to support them;

AND WHEREAS polygamist and polyandrous families are forced to exist secretly because of the law and this secrecy prevents them from benefiting equally from other aspects of the judicial system such as spousal benefits, inheritance, and child support.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the legalization of polygamy and polyandry.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Prime Minister of Canada,
 - (b) the Attorney General of Canada, and
 - (c) the Minister of Justice of Canada.

A debate arose.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that the House adjourn until 1500 hours this afternoon.

CARRIED

And then the House adjourned at 1430 hours.

DORA TURJE
Speaker of the House

KAREN RATCHFORD
Chief Clerk of the House

2009 Legislative Session: 1st Session, 18th Parliament

No. 4

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009

The house met at 1501 hours, Mme. Speaker with a fantastic flower, escorted in with the Sergeant at Arms carrying a guitar mace, in the Chair.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

PRAYERS OR REFLECTIONS.

Reflections by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition).

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Verbal Greetings:

1. Jeremy McElroy, Deputy Speaker of VIYP and Leader of the Opposition of BCYP.

Written Greetings:

1. Sasa Pudar, Minister of Camp Phoenix and Deputy Premier of BCYP.

QUESTION PERIOD.

The House proceeded to a twelve minute Question Period.

The Attorney General may have told the Leader of the Opposition to “shut the [place of fire and brimstone] up, [female dog]”. Though he managed to stun the House into silence, eventually he was goaded into speaking by the Deputy Speaker. The Leader of the Opposition sometimes is unable to distinguish herself from the Attorney General (although the Clerks already knew this and formulated an appropriate fusion-name). The daisy chain on the Premier’s desk seems to have some members worried about him breaking Rule #2. Pants ≠ toy sunglasses.

MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Honourable *Elizabeth Woods* (Finance) rose to present a message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor.



Honourable Judy Raddysch
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Supply Act, 2009*, An Act for Granting Certain Sums of Money for the Purpose of Promoting the Work of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament from 8th May 2009 to 30th September 2009.

Government House
Saltspring Island, BC
9th May 2009

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

MOVED by the Honourable *Elizabeth Woods* (Finance) that the Bill accompanying the message 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 in the current sitting.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Second Reading of Bills.

MOVED by the Honourable *Elizabeth Woods* (Finance) that Bill (No. 5), *Supply Act, 2009*, be read a second time now.

CARRIED

Bill read a second time and Referred to Committee of Supply for consideration.

FUNKY CATWALK MODELLING.

MOVED by *Alberto Galleguillos* (Saanich South) that leave be granted for the Minister of Finance to model her funky shoes on the catwalk.

LEAVE GRANTED

Honourable *Elizabeth Woods* (Finance) modelled shoes to the tune of “I Kissed a Girl”.

There was a bit of an awkward turtle moment at the end.

Committee Stage of Bills.

Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) called Committee of Supply to debate Bill (No. 5).

MOVED by *Caitlin Kleaman* (Ambassador for North Vancouver) and SECONDED by *Diamond Isinger* (Ambassador for Burnaby) that the Speaker do leave the Chair for Committee of Supply.

CARRIED

The House in Committee of Supply on Bill (No. 5); Mr. *Jeremy McElroy* in the chair.

The House resumed, Mme. Speaker in the Chair with Laa-Laa in tow.

The Committee rose and reported Bill (No. 5) 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.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS.

Debate resumed on the motion by *James Twaites* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Critic of the Attorney General) and SECONDED by *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General),

RESOLUTION (NO. 5)

IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGALIZATION OF POLYGAMY AND POLYANDRY

WHEREAS laws exist to address child abuse, statutory rape, and the abuse of women;

AND WHEREAS some argue that the acts of polygamy and polyandry do not directly cause emotional or physical harm;

AND WHEREAS it is a traditional religious practice of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and freedom of religious practice is supported by Canadian law;

AND WHEREAS Canadian law does not prohibit non-marital sexual group relationships;

AND WHEREAS wives in a polygamist or polyandrous relationship currently file taxes and apply for social assistance as single mothers and government money is spent to support them;

AND WHEREAS polygamist and polyandrous families are forced to exist secretly because of the law and this secrecy prevents them from benefiting equally from other aspects of the judicial system such as spousal benefits, inheritance, and child support.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the legalization of polygamy and polyandry.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Prime Minister of Canada,
 - (b) the Attorney General of Canada, and
 - (c) the Minister of Justice of Canada.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *James Twaites* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Critic of the Attorney General) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General).

DEFEATED

YEAS – 8
NAYS – 9

Resolution negatived.

SPEAKER'S RULING.

The Speaker chose to vote against the PMR because she believes that at this time the legalization of polygamy and polyandry in Canada is something that would have more potential problems than potential gains. She adds that there may be a time when polygamy and polyandry could be legalized without the attendant complications, but now is not that time.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

MOVED by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition) and SECONDED by *Eva Olynyk* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Critic of External Affairs),

RESOLUTION (NO. 1)

IN SUPPORT OF BANNING THE USE OF MATHEMATICAL DERIVATIVES

WHEREAS we all know that D.E.R.I.V.A.T.I.V.E.S really stands for the Devilish Evil Rule Initiating Violent And Terrifying Intellectual, Vocal and Emotional Seizures;

AND WHEREAS calculus is an unnecessary stress placed upon students today that may lead to future brain disorders such as secanatitis and one-to-one transmitted arcsinosis, with asymptotems including chronic log rolling and sinful tans, which may lead to one's admittance to the L'Ho(s)pital;

AND WHEREAS no one really needs to be able to find the derivative of the inverse of the normal line to the tangent;

AND WHEREAS there are more formulas to remember than the Attorney General has brain cells.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports banning the use of mathematical derivatives.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the Minister of Education of British Columbia,
 - (c) the British Columbia Association of Mathematics Teachers, and
 - (d) the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences.

A debate arose.

The Premier is in love with calculus, the Critic of Communications thinks calculus is the path to true understanding, and the Critic of Attorney General actually looks forward to calculus! The V&P Clerk feels nauseas by these revelations. The Attorney General loves the integral sign, thinks calculus is a god, and may or may not have sine-wave-gasms. The Ambassador for Coquitlam cannot pronounce 'derivatives', so she is in support of this PMR. The Deputy Speaker took calculus, but hasn't used it since.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that the House adjourn until 1845 hours this evening.

CARRIED

And then the House adjourned at 1643 hours.

DORA TURJE
Speaker of the House

KAREN RATCHFORD
Chief Clerk of the House

2009 Legislative Session: 1st Session, 18th Parliament

No. 5

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009

The house met at 1854 hours, Mme. Speaker cruising in with a bedbug.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

PRAYERS OR REFLECTIONS.

Reflections by the Honourable *Eva Olynyk* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Critic of External Affairs).

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Verbal Greetings:

1. Emily Gage and Susannah Jesse, Premier and Attorney General of the 17th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament (respectively), and rabid fangirls of Science at the University of Victoria.

QUESTION PERIOD.

The House proceeded to an eighteen minute Question Period.

The Attorney General doesn't seem to be sure about his Critic's gender. Despite this confusion, the AG thankfully has now realized he isn't a "gangsta", but rather a "brown kid from the suburbs". The Deputy Speaker is a shoe and cutlery thief. The Speaker is good at beating QP lead-ins to death with excessive verbosity. The Deputy Premier's inappropriate jokes are inappropriate.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Third Reading of Bills.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (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 *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that Bill (No. 3), *Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Amendment Act, 2009*, be read a third time now.

CARRIED

Bill read a third time and passed.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (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.

Debate resumed on the motion by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition) and SECONDED by *Eva Olynyk* (Deputy of Leader of the Opposition and Critic of External Affairs),

RESOLUTION (NO. 1)**IN SUPPORT OF BANNING THE USE OF MATHEMATICAL DERIVATIVES**

WHEREAS we all know that D.E.R.I.V.A.T.I.V.E.S really stands for the Devilish Evil Rule Initiating Violent And Terrifying Intellectual, Vocal and Emotional Seizures;

AND WHEREAS calculus is an unnecessary stress placed upon students today that may lead to future brain disorders such as secanatitis and one-to-one transmitted arcsinosis, with asymptotems including chronic log rolling and sinful tans, which may lead to one's admittance to the L'Ho(s)pital;

AND WHEREAS no one really needs to be able to find the derivative of the inverse of the normal line to the tangent;

AND WHEREAS there are more formulas to remember than the Attorney General has brain cells.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports banning the use of mathematical derivatives.

- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
- (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the Minister of Education of British Columbia,
 - (c) the British Columbia Association of Mathematics Teachers, and
 - (d) the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences.

A debate arose.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) and SECONDED by Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier) that the fourth whereas clause be struck.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) and SECONDED by Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier).

CARRIED

Motion agreed to.

Debate resumed on the motion by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition) and SECONDED by *Eva Olynyk* (Deputy of Leader of the Opposition and Critic of External Affairs), as amended.

Question put on the motion by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition), as amended and SECONDED by *Eva Olynyk* (Deputy of Leader of the Opposition and Critic of External Affairs), as amended,

RESOLUTION (NO. 1)

IN SUPPORT OF BANNING THE USE OF MATHEMATICAL DERIVATIVES

WHEREAS we all know that D.E.R.I.V.A.T.I.V.E.S really stands for the Devilish Evil Rule Initiating Violent And Terrifying Intellectual, Vocal and Emotional Seizures;

AND WHEREAS calculus is an unnecessary stress placed upon students today that may lead to future brain disorders such as secanatitis and one-to-one transmitted arcsinosis, with asymptotems including chronic log rolling and sinful tans, which may lead to one's admittance to the L'Ho(s)pital;

AND WHEREAS no one really needs to be able to find the derivative of the inverse of the normal line to the tangent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports banning the use of mathematical derivatives.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the Minister of Education of British Columbia,
 - (c) the British Columbia Association of Mathematics Teachers, and
 - (d) the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences.

DEFEATED

Resolution negatived.

MOVED by *Lind-E Hoban* (Critic of Finance) and SECONDED by *Sonja Kornelsen* (Critic of Archives and Service),

RESOLUTION (NO. 2)

IN SUPPORT OF A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION'S RADNESS

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition's name is so rad that it doesn't even have to be spoken;

AND WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition helps others without asking for anything in return even when having ten times the amount of stress of the average person on her mind;

AND WHEREAS when the Leader of the Opposition is passionate about something she will take it into her heart to do anything she can to better the given situation, for example the Leader of the Opposition dedicates much of her time to raising awareness and taking action on environmental issues;

AND WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition does whatever she can to improve the lives of others even if it means putting her own desires and needs aside;

AND WHEREAS somehow the Leader of the Opposition is talented at everything; she excels in school, is an amazing actress, a great friend, is extremely involved in the community, and still finds the time to dedicate herself to youth parliament.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports having a moment at Session to reflect on the Leader of the Opposition's radness.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to:
 - (a) the Members and Ambassadors of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, and
 - (b) the Servants of the House of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Jeremy McElroy* in the Chair.

CALLED TO THE BAR.

MOVED by *Sonja Kornelsen* (Critic of Service) that Mrs. Mech, the Leader of the Opposition's mother, be called to the bar for the purpose of corroborating the Leader of the Opposition's radness.

CARRIED

Mrs. *Michelle Mech* at the bar.

The Leader of the Opposition's radness was indeed corroborated by one of the world's foremost experts on the subject!

Mrs. *Michelle Mech* dismissed from the bar.

Debate resumed on the motion by *Lind-E Hoban* (Critic of Finance) and SECONDED by *Sonja Kornelsen* (Critic of Archives and Service),

Question put on the motion by *Lind-E Hoban* (Critic of Finance) and SECONDED by *Sonja Kornelsen* (Critic of Archives and Service),

RESOLUTION (NO. 2)

IN SUPPORT OF A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION'S RADNESS

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition's name is so rad that it doesn't even have to be spoken;

AND WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition helps others without asking for anything in return even when having ten times the amount of stress of the average person on her mind;

AND WHEREAS when the Leader of the Opposition is passionate about something she will take it into her heart to do anything she can to better the given situation, for example the Leader of the Opposition dedicates much of her time to raising awareness and taking action on environmental issues;

AND WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition does whatever she can to improve the lives of others even if it means putting her own desires and needs aside;

AND WHEREAS somehow the Leader of the Opposition is talented at everything; she excels in school, is an amazing actress, a great friend, is extremely involved in the community, and still finds the time to dedicate herself to youth parliament.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports having a moment at Session to reflect on the Leader of the Opposition's radness.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to:
 - (a) the Members and Ambassadors of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, and
 - (b) the Servants of the House of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

CARRIED

Resolution agreed to.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

MOVED by the *Lind-E Hoban* (Critic of Finance) that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the House to do the Macarena in honour of the Leader of the Opposition.

CARRIED

Standing Orders suspended.

The Macarena was done. It was fabulous, much like the Leader of the Opposition.

Standing Orders resumed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

MOVED by *Sonja Kornelsen* (Critic of Archives and Service) and SECONDED by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition),

RESOLUTION (NO. 8)
IN SUPPORT OF ALL BC HIGH SCHOOLS HAVING ROLLER COASTERS

WHEREAS through roller coasters, physics students could learn laws relating to gravitational force, velocity, and acceleration through first-hand experience;

AND WHEREAS it would give elementary and middle school students something to look forward to;

AND WHEREAS this would create a source of income for the British Columbia education system;

AND WHEREAS it serve as a tourist attraction to out-of-province visitors;

AND WHEREAS roller coasters would be beneficial to multiple departments within each school including information technology, mathematics, and drafting and design.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports all British Columbia high schools having roller coasters.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Minister of Education of British Columbia,
 - (b) the British Columbia Science Teachers' Association, and
 - (c) the Coaster Enthusiasts of Canada.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by the *Sonja Kornelsen* (Critic of Archives and Service) and SECONDED by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition).

CARRIED

YEAS – 8

NAYS – 5

Resolution agreed to.

MOVED by *Eva Olynyk* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Critic of External Affairs) and SECONDED by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition),

RESOLUTION (NO. 3)
IN SUPPORT OF KYOTO PLUS

WHEREAS Canada is currently ranked as the worst of the G8 countries in the Kyoto Plus protocol;

AND WHEREAS the current government budget has proposed a \$6.52 billion five year environmental plan (from 2008 to 2012) as opposed to the previous administration's \$10 billion dollar over seven years proposition;

AND WHEREAS in September 2006, the then Minister of the Environment said that Canada had no chance of meeting its targets under the Kyoto Protocol and accused the government of wasting \$1 billion on emission-reduction efforts without keeping the country on track to meet its promises under the international agreement;

AND WHEREAS the two electric car companies of Canada, although award-winning, are being shut down due to lack of market share.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the Kyoto Plus Protocol.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Prime Minister of Canada,
 - (b) the Minister of the Environment of Canada,
 - (c) the Minister of Natural Resources of Canada, and
 - (d) the Premier of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

Question put on the motion by the *Eva Olynyk* (Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Critic of External Affairs) and SECONDED by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition).

CARRIED

Resolution agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that the House adjourn until 0830 hours, Sunday, 10 May 2009.

CARRIED

And then the House adjourned at 2042 hours.

DORA TURJE
Speaker of the House

KAREN RATCHFORD
Chief Clerk of the House

2009 Legislative Session: 1st Session, 18th Parliament

No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009

The House met at 0830 hours. Mme. Speaker, in disguise with a misplaced nose, in the Chair.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

PRAYERS OR REFLECTIONS.

Reflections by *Sarah Lundy* (Archives and Regional Secretary).

GREETINGS, DISPATCHES, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Verbal Greetings:

1. Dora Turje, Speaker of VIYP, Senator and Registrar of BCYP.

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) requested leave to table the Revised Estimates of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

LEAVE GRANTED

QUESTION PERIOD.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that the Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing questions to be directed to all Members and Ambassadors.

CARRIED

Standing Orders suspended.

The House proceeded to a fifteen minute Question Period.

The Leader of the Opposition was forced to resign, undoubtedly due to scandal. The Deputy Speaker had his back readjusted (the Clerk does not know how, and frankly does not wish to find out), the Ambassador for Burnaby is scary and scares people. The Attorney General apparently as henchmen, and they are even scarier.

Standing Orders resumed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Third Reading of Bills.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that Bill (No. 5), *Supply Act, 2009*, be read a third time now.

CARRIED

Bill read a third time and passed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS.

MOVED by *Diamond Isinger* (Ambassador for Burnaby) and SECONDED by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier),

RESOLUTION (NO. 10)**IN SUPPORT OF LOWERING THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA TO SIXTEEN YEARS OLD**

WHEREAS it has been put forth that a lower drinking age may lower binge drinking and alcoholism;

AND WHEREAS individuals currently have the right to enlist in the army and vote before they are able to legally drink;

AND WHEREAS youth are often impacted by alcohol-related offences;

AND WHEREAS the sale of alcohol, if taxed, has the potential to bolster the economy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports lowering the legal drinking age in British Columbia to sixteen years old.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to

- (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
- (b) the Minister of Health of British Columbia, and
- (c) the Liquor Control Board of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

EXHAUSTED. That is all.

Question put on the motion by *Diamond Isinger* (Ambassador for Burnaby) and **SECONDED** by *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier),

DEFEATED

Resolution negatived.

MOVED by the Honourable *Sarah Lundy* (Archives and Regional Secretary) and **SECONDED** by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier),

RESOLUTION (NO. 11)

IN SUPPORT OF THE RELOCATION OF GRADE NINE STUDENTS TO WORK CAMPS

WHEREAS school halls are filled with Axe and other nausea-inducing aerosol sprays;
 AND WHEREAS relocating grade nine students to work camps will help develop discipline and a strong work ethic;
 AND WHEREAS grade nine students' awkward methods of congregation often prove to be hazards to themselves and others;
 AND WHEREAS many individuals do not like emo kids, hipsters, or hormonal cases.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the mandatory relocation of grade nine students to work camps.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the Minister of Education of British Columbia, and
 - (c) the British Columbia Principals' and Vice Principals' Association.

A debate arose.

The Speaker called Goodwin's Law on this resolution and forced the lovely Regional Secretary to close debate.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Sarah Lundy* (Archives and Regional Secretary) and **SECONDED** by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier).

DEFEATED

Resolution negatived.

MOVED by the Honourable *Karn Safaya* (Attorney General) that the following Resolutions be printed in the Journal:

- Resolution (No. 6) – In Support of Protecting British Columbia's Orca Population
- Resolution (No. 9) – In Opposition to the Private Funding of Provincial Electoral Campaigns
- Resolution (No. 12) – In Opposition to Swim Briefs ("Speedo")
- Resolution (No. 13) – In Support of Canada Raising its Official Development Assistance Spending to 0.7% of its Gross National Income,
- Resolution (No. 14) – In Support of Recognizing the Aboriginal Land on which Vancouver Island Youth Parliament is Held,
- Resolution (No. 15) – In Support of Legalizing Marijuana,
- Resolution (No. 16) – In Opposition to Insite,
- Resolution (No. 17) – In Support of an Extra 10 Minutes to Reflect on the Clerks' Epic Greatness

CARRIED

Resolution printed.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOVED by the Honourable *Sarah Lundy* (Archives, Communications and Regional Secretary) that the House adjourn until 0945 hours Sunday, 10 May, 2009.

CARRIED

And then the House adjourned at 0930 hours.

DORA TURJE
Speaker of the House

KAREN RATCHFORD
Chief Clerk of the House

2009 Legislative Session: 1st Session, 18th Parliament

No. 7

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of

Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009

The House met at 0945 hours, Mme. Speaker in the Chair with Queen Ducky.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

PRAYERS OR REFLECTIONS.

Reflections by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier).

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Resolution of Thanks.

MOVED by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier), and SECONDED by *Kelsey Mech* (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 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Session;

AND WHEREAS the Members of the Vancouver Island 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 Gulf Islands Secondary School for the use of the gym, multi-purpose room, classrooms, and photocopying equipment.
- 2 Ms Judy Raddysh, Principal of Gulf Islands Secondary School, for serving as Lieutenant Governor and for being the picture of generosity with her time and support by doing everything in her ability to ensure that VIYP ran smoothly to benefit the youth of Vancouver Island.
- 3 The Servants of the House:

Speaker of the House:	Ms Dora Turje
Deputy Speaker:	Mr. Jeremy McElroy
Chair of the Regional Planning Committee:	Ms Susie Bowles
Chief Returning Officer:	Ms Emily Gage
Sessional Director:	Ms Dora Turje
Chief Clerk of the House:	Ms Karen Ratchford
Clerks Assistant:	Ms Emily Gage
	Ms Susannah Jesse
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Mr. Jeremy McElroy
- 4 The following people for bringing verbal greetings:
 - Ms Susie Bowles, Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations of BCYP
 - Mr Jeremy McElroy, Leader of the Opposition of BCYP
 - Ms Emily Gage (first part of Emiliannah), Minister of Communications, Internet Affairs and Sessional Affairs of BCYP
 - Ms Susannah Jesse (second part of Emiliannah), Deputy Premier and Attorney General of the 17th VIYP
 - Ms Dora Turje, BCYP Senate Registrar
- 5 The following people for sending written greetings:
 - Hon. Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia
 - Hon. Gary Lunn, Minister of State for Sport of Canada and MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands
 - Sasa Pudar, Minister of Camp Phoenix of BCYP
- 6 The members of the Regional Planning Committee for their efforts in organizing Session:
 - Ms Susie Bowles, Chair
 - Ms Emily Gage, Chief Returning Officer
 - Mr. Ryder Bergerud, Premier
 - Ms Kelsey Mech, Leader of the Opposition
- 7 Ms Judy Raddysh, Mr. Lyle Ruehlen, and Ms Kedla Logan for ensuring the safety of the members and unlocking doors for the clerks.
- 8 The following teachers for the use of their classrooms:
 - Mr. Barry

Mr. Marshall
Mr. Crouse
Mr. Griffith

- 9 Ms Sheehan for the use of her tables for the House.
- 10 Bob Twaites and Theatre Resources for the use of their throne.
- 11 Chef Al for the use of the cafeteria.
- 12 Mr. Tim Erdmer for serving as bagpiper during open ceremonies.
- 13 Ms Karen Ratchford, Ms Dora Turje, Mr. Jeremy McElroy, Ms Susie Bowles, Ms Emily Gage, and Ms Susannah Jesse for providing computer equipment.
- 14 Ms Karen Ratchford, Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments of British Columbia Youth Parliament, for overseeing the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.
- 15 Kelsey Mech, Ryder Bergerud, and Elizabeth Woods for going above and beyond their respective positions to arrange the use of the school and recruit members.
- 16 Mr. and Mrs. Mech and Mrs. Bergerud for helping with the transportation of members to and from the ferry.
- 17 Captain Caitlin's Dad for personally transporting a member on a boat (with her floppy floppies).
- 18 Big Turk, truck of Susie Bowles, for transporting the House Servants across the ocean.
- 19 The lovely Salt Spring Island RCMP Officer for not arresting the clerks during their late night excursion.
- 20 The road to Ruckle Provincial Park for being so scenic despite the fact that Emily Gage led the House Servants on a wild goose chase down it.
- 21 The Ambassadors and House Servants for braving Translink and BC Ferries to come to Session.
- 22 Andrew from Uptown Pizza for providing a discounted chicken-licious pizza lunch.
- 23 Paul, manager of Country Grocer, for donating the lasagna, bagels, and cream cheese.
- 24 Thrifty Foods for being the general "Oops, I ran out of that" fixer.
- 25 Any and all other persons and entities who have contributed to the success of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

Question put on the motion by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier) and SECONDED by *Kelsey Mech* (Leader of the Opposition),

CARRIED

Resolution agreed to.

RECESS.

MOVED by the Honourable *Ryder Bergerud* (Premier) that the House recess until 1015 hours.

CARRIED

The House suspended from 0955 hours to 1015 hours.

The House resumed, Mme. Speaker in the Chair.

PROROGATION CEREMONY.

The Honourable Speaker said:

"MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT:

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor is about to enter the House."

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

The Honourable Speaker said:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The Eighteenth Vancouver Island Youth Parliament has passed certain Acts to which the members respectfully request Your Honour's assent."

Karen Ratchford, Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Acts:

Parliamentary Activities Act, 2009

Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Amendment Act, 2009

Ministerial Responsibilities Amendment Act, 2009

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

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

“In Her Majesty’s name, Her Honour doth assent to these Acts.”

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

PROROGATION SPEECH

“HONOURABLE GUESTS, MADAME SPEAKER, AND MEMBERS OF THE SEVENTEENTH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT,

Session is ending, and Members will soon be forced to say their goodbyes and go their separate ways. However, the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament has just begun. Members, you have now all made a commitment to creating a better community, and so through your presence and participation in this Parliament you have chosen to dedicate the remainder of this year to fulfilling the responsibilities inherent in the post of a youth parliamentarian. Unselfish completion of this duty is vital both for the health of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, and for the personal development of the volunteers. I commend you for willingly undertaking this task.

Your commitment to VIYP is what will bring it back next year. I encourage all of you to pledge yourself to this fine project, as its influence will not only affect your life, but those of the youth of Vancouver Island. The success of this Parliament hinges upon the Members and their own personal efforts. I thank you for your contributions throughout this weekend, and dearly hope to see this amazing spirit continue throughout the year.

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Honourable *Sarah Lundy* (Archives, Communications, and Regional Secretary) said:

“HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT:

It is Her Honour’s pleasure that this House be prorogued until it shall please Her Honour to summon the same for the dispatch of business and this Session of Vancouver Island 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 1024 hours.

DORA TURJE
President Speaker of the House
Member for Laura Roslin

KAREN RATCHFORD
Admiral Chief Clerk of the House
Member for William Adama

EMILY GAGE
Executive Officer Clerk
Member for Saul Tigh

SUSANNAH JESSE
Major Clerk
Member for Kara Thrace

JEREMY MCELROY
Vice President Deputy Speaker
Member for Tom Zarek

SUSIE BOWLES
CAG Chair and Chief Returning Officer
Member for Lee Adama

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

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HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, enact as follows:

Principle

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament affirms the following guiding principles:
 - (a) Vancouver Island Youth Parliament aims to promote the mental, physical, spiritual and social well-being of the youth of the Vancouver Island region;
 - (b) Members are encouraged to volunteer and participate in youth-oriented service projects throughout the year.

Group Service and Social Projects

- 2 (1) The Minister of Service must
 - (a) aid members in the organization and execution of events, and
 - (b) ensure that the required number of service and social events are organized by the end of each Sessional year.
- (2) The Minister of Service is responsible for organizing and executing:
 - (a) at least two service events throughout the Sessional year, and
 - (b) at least one post-sessional social activity.

Event Approval and Notification

- 3 Members must notify and receive approval from the Minister of Service, in consultation with the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments of the British Columbia Youth Parliament, before organizing any events on the behalf of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

Member Notification

- 4 (1) The Minister of Service must inform all members of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament of events throughout the parliamentary year at least two weeks prior to any event.
- (2) In the case of an event cancellation, the Minister of Service must inform all members of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament of the cancellation.

Member Participation

- 5 Members are expected to organize and participate in as many Vancouver Island Youth Parliament events as possible.

Media Relations

- 6 To ensure consistency, Members must consult and receive approval from the Premier, in consultation with the Minister of Public Relations of British Columbia Youth Parliament, before approaching external organizations regarding the publicity of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament and its events.

Sunset Provision

- 7 This Act expires one month prior to the first Session of the 19th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT AMENDMENT ACT, 2009

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, enact as follows:

- 1** *Section 2 be amended by striking “Vancouver Island Youth Parliament” and substituting the words “Saltspring Island Youth Parliament.”*
- 2** *Section 4 (c) be amended by inserting “except the Supply Act” after the word “legislation.”*
- 3** *Section 4 (d) be amended by replacing the number “2” with the number “1.”*
- 4** *Section 11 (a) be repealed and replaced with “be between the ages of 14 and 18, inclusive, as of December 31 of the year in which the session will occur.”*
- 5** *Section 11 (d) be amended by striking “he or she will be free from any hindrance that would prevent him or her from fulfilling” and substituted with “he or she will be able to fulfill.”*
- 6** *Section 15 (11) be repealed and replaced with “The Premier may hold his position for an unlimited number of terms, and the Leader of the Opposition must be thrown to the barnacles upon completion of his or her term.”*
- 7** *Section 17 be amended in subsection (1) by adding the following paragraph:*
(c.1) in the event of a catastrophe, assume full dictatorial status
- 8** *Section 17 be amended by adding the following subsection:*
(3) The Leader of the Opposition must provide the Premier and Attorney General with a bowl of pudding, or any other major-dessert item of equivalent quality.
- 9** *Section 20 (e) be amended by striking the words “The Legislation Notification” and replacing it with the words “The Parliamentary Gazette.”*

**VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT ACT, 2001
(CONSOLIDATED 2008)**

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An Act authorizing Vancouver Island Youth Parliament; Determining the Organization of Parliament; the Procedures to be Followed in the sessions thereof; the number of representatives; the Methods of Election; the other matters pertaining to Parliament.

Preamble

Whereas the British Columbia Youth Parliament deemed it expedient in 1988 to call together Parliaments representing youth throughout various regions of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the young people of Vancouver Island shall utilize Vancouver Island 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 Vancouver Island;

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

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act:

“**Ambassadors**” means individuals from other youth organizations who attend Parliament’s activities in an official capacity;

“**Applicant**” means any youth aged 14-18 who has applied to be a member of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament;

“**Cabinet**” means the collection of individuals authorized under the provisions of this Act to exercise the power of the Lieutenant Governor in Council;

“**Chief Returning Officer**” means an individual whose responsibilities include cooperating with, assisting, and advising, the House Leaders and Cabinet on all sessional matters;

“**House**” means the Legislative Assembly;

“**House Leaders**” means the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition;

“**Leader of the Opposition**” means the person, elected by the membership, who leads the critique of the Government’s legislation;

“**Legislative Assembly**” means the body of elected members that has the authority to pass Vancouver Island Youth Parliament legislation;

“**Lieutenant Governor**” means the person who has the authority, derived from Her Majesty, to open and prorogue the Parliament and to grant Royal Assent to all legislation passed by the Parliament;

“**Lieutenant Governor in Council**” means the Cabinet exercising the power of the Lieutenant Governor;

“**Members**” means the individuals who have been selected to participate in Vancouver Island Youth Parliament and have signed the Oath of the Lieutenant Governor;

“**Nominee**” means a member of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament who has been nominated for the position of Premier or Leader of the Opposition;

“**Oath of the Lieutenant Governor**” means an oath as follows “I hereby promise that I shall do all in my power to further the mental, physical, spiritual and social development of the youth of Vancouver Island.”

“**Order in Council**” means a regulation issued by Cabinet, having full force of legislation, which adds new order to any piece of legislation authorized by the Legislative Assembly;

“**Premier**” means the elected returning member who is the executive head of the Legislature;

“**Regional Planning Committee**” means the appointed committee of not more than 10 permanent members whose responsibilities include cooperating with, assisting, and advising the Premier and Cabinet on sessional matters;

“**Senate**” means the Regional Planning Committee in conjunction with the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the British Columbia Youth Parliament;

“**Shadow Cabinet**” means the collection of individuals appointed by the Leader of the Opposition to critique government legislation;

“**Speaker**” means the chair elected by Parliament to preside over the Legislative Assembly in its proceedings, as outlined in the Standing Orders;

“**Standing Orders**” means the rules of Parliamentary Procedure by which the House is governed;

“**Vancouver Island**” means Vancouver Island and the surrounding Gulf Islands.

Name of Parliament

2 The name of this parliament is Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

Composition of Parliament

3 The Vancouver Island Youth Parliament consists of the Lieutenant Governor, Senate, and the Legislative Assembly.

Pre-sessional information

- 4 (1) Before the first sitting, each accepted applicant must receive
- (a) a copy of the Standing Orders,
 - (b) a copy of the consolidated legislation of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament,
 - (c) all proposed Government legislation, and

- (d) Private Members Resolutions that have been approved by the Attorney General at least 2 weeks before session.
- (2) The contents and distribution of the pre-session information is the responsibility of both the Premier and the Regional Planning Committee.

Size of Legislative Assembly

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

Ambassadors

- 6 Ambassadors from other youth organizations
 - (a) may take a seat on the floor of the House,
 - (b) may have full debating privileges,
 - (c) may submit Private Members' Resolutions, and
 - (d) have the right to vote and make motions on all matters except legislation and house leaders elections.

Date of session

- 7 The Regional Planning Committee, in consultation with the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments of British Columbia Youth Parliament, must determine the dates of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament sessions.

Senate to review legislation

- 8 (1) Senate must review all Acts and Resolutions granted royal assent by the Lieutenant Governor within 60 days after each session of Parliament.
- (2) Senate may disallow any Act or Resolution or portion thereof.

Standing Orders

- 9 (1) The Legislative Assembly must follow the *Standing Orders and Forms of Procedure of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament*.
- (2) The Standing Orders may be amended by the Regional Planning Committee.
- (3) The Standing Orders may be amended during the session upon one sitting's notice with the unanimous consent of the House.

Sessional Journal

- 10 After the Prorogation of the House, a Journal must be compiled and distributed to all members and other interested persons that must contain
 - (a) the Votes and Proceedings of the House,
 - (b) all Acts and Private Members Resolutions considered by the House,
 - (c) all tabled reports,
 - (d) the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Charter,
 - (e) the addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of all consenting members and Senators, and
 - (f) any other pertinent material at the discretion of the Chief Clerk.

Applicant qualifications

- 11 Every applicant for Parliament must
 - (a) have attained his or her fourteenth but not his or her nineteenth birthday as of December 31 of the year in which the session will occur,
 - (b) currently reside or attend school within the Vancouver Island region prior to session,
 - (c) pay a registration fee, as set by the Regional Planning Committee, in consultation with the Minister of Finance of British Columbia Youth Parliament.
 - (d) be reasonably certain that during the year following session, he or she will be free from any hindrance that would prevent him or her from fulfilling the obligations of his or her office, and
 - (e) be willing to take the Oath of the Lieutenant Governor prior to taking his or her seat in Parliament.

Membership review

- 12 The Regional Planning Committee must review the participation of Members who have been nominated for re-election and determine whether or not to allow Members to return based on their participation throughout the parliamentary year.

Regional Planning Committee

- 13 (1) The Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments of British Columbia Youth Parliament must appoint a Chair of the Regional Planning Committee.
- (2) The Regional Planning Committee must consist of no more than 10 permanent members including, but not limited to
- (a) a Chief Returning Officer,
 - (b) the Premier or his or her designate,
 - (c) the Leader of the Opposition or his or her designate,
 - (d) one member of British Columbia Youth Parliament, and
 - (e) other interested persons appointed by the Chair.

Nomination of members and applicants

- 14 (1) Proclamations and application forms must be distributed by the Regional Planning Committee no later than 6 weeks prior to session being held.
- (2) The contents and distribution of this package is the responsibility of the Regional Planning Committee.
- (3) The qualifications of applicants, as outlined in this Act, must be printed on each application form provided by the Regional Planning Committee.
- (4) Application forms must be returned to the Regional Planning Committee no later than the specified date.

House leader elections

- 15 (1) The positions of Premier and Leader of the Opposition for the upcoming year must be filled by separate elections at session.
- (2) To stand as a nominee, a person must be a member of the current session, and must be within the age limit prescribed for a member at the session at which he or she will serve if elected.
- (3) The Premier must appoint an Electoral Officer from the membership who must
- (a) hold office for the duration of the session,
 - (b) not be a nominee,
 - (c) not have nominated anyone for Premier or Leader of the Opposition,
 - (d) not exhibit any partiality towards any nominees,
 - (e) not vote in the initial vote, and
 - (f) be present at the tabulation of election votes.
- (4) Three members must sign their names to a nomination form that must also contain the signature of the nominee.
- (5) Nomination forms must be completed and received by the Chief Returning Officer at a time specified by him or her, and may be accompanied by a one page resume.
- (6) A list of the nominees must be made public and the resumes must be distributed to the members by the Chief Returning Officer on that day.
- (7) The Chief Returning Officer or his or her appointee, must call and chair a committee for each election at which each nominee and a nominator of his or her choice may speak for a maximum of 4 minutes each.
- (8) Voting by secret ballots must follow these speeches by no less than half an hour and no more than 4 hours.
- (9) Nominees receiving a plurality of the votes must be declared the Premier-elect or the Leader of the Opposition-elect, in their respective categories.
- (10) In the event of a tie vote, another vote must be taken, and in the event that a tie still exists, the Electoral Officer must cast the deciding vote.
- (11) The Premier and Leader of the Opposition may hold their respective positions twice.

House Leader resignations

- 16 (1) If a House Leader resigns, or forfeits his or her position, the Lieutenant Governor in Council must issue an explanation of the situation to persons eligible for the vacant positions.
- (2) Those wishing to stand as nominees must return a resume of their experience and qualifications to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (3) If time allows and nominee information is received before 2 months prior to session, the Lieutenant Governor in Council must distribute copies of the resumes to the members.
- (4) Each member may communicate a vote to the Electoral Officer, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (5) If nominees cannot be secured 2 months prior to session then the Lieutenant Governor in Council must vote and submit their choice to Senate for approval.
- (6) The announcement of the new House Leader must be made in the following issue of *The Legislation Notification*.
- (7) The Attorney General must table a report at session detailing the events and circumstances of the resignation or forfeiture.

Role of House Leaders

- 17 (1) The Premier must
- (a) coordinate his or her Ministries' actions in accordance with the wishes of the Legislative Assembly,
 - (b) act as the Legislative Assembly's representative on the Senate, and
 - (c) aid in the composition of government-sponsored legislation.
- (2) The Leader of the Opposition must endeavour to
- (a) ensure that legislation presented by Cabinet is of a satisfactory quality,
 - (b) urge the Ministers to justify their acts and expenditures, and
 - (c) initiate debate in the House and in Committee.

Terms of office

- 18 (1) Ministers of the Crown hold office from one month prior to session to one month before the subsequent session.
- (2) The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker hold office from one month prior to session until the Prorogation of the House.
- (3) House Leaders hold office from two months prior to session to one month prior to the subsequent session.
- (4) Members hold office from the Opening Ceremony of session to the day prior to the Opening Ceremony of the subsequent session.

Appointments

- 19 (1) The Regional Planning Committee, in consultation with the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments of the British Columbia Youth Parliament, must appoint
- (a) the Lieutenant Governor,
 - (b) the Chief Clerk,
 - (c) the Speaker,
 - (d) the Deputy Speaker,
 - (e) a Sessional Director, who must be 21 years old and who must supervise all activities of the session and must appoint an Assistant Sessional Director to supervise in his or her absence, and
 - (f) a Sergeant-at-Arms.
- (2) The Premier must appoint a Cabinet at least one month prior to session.
- (3) The Leader of the Opposition must appoint a Shadow Cabinet at least two weeks prior to session.

Cabinet powers

- 20 After Prorogation of the House, Cabinet
- (a) must act on behalf of the whole House,

- (b) has the power to act on such matters not defined in legislation passed by Parliament so long as the actions remain within the scope of existing legislation;
- (c) is empowered to amend minor provisions of Government sponsored legislation, as long as the change is within the scope and intent of the existing legislation;
- (d) be permitted to issue Orders in Council which require the agreement of at least 80% of the entire eligible voting membership of the Cabinet, and
- (e) must duly record and publish motions passed, as outlined in articles (c) and (d) above, in the following issue of *The Legislation Notification*.

Cabinet Meetings

- 21** (1) There may be Cabinet meetings as the Premier deems necessary.
- (2) Cabinet meetings must be open to hear opinions from all people invited by the Premier.
- (3) The Premier should notify Cabinet and invited persons at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting to ensure maximum attendance.
- (4) Cabinet meetings must be chaired by the Premier, or by his or her designated representative.
- (5) Eligible voting members of Cabinet include
- (a) the Premier,
 - (b) each Minister of the Crown, and
 - (c) after Prorogation of the House, the Leader of the Opposition.
- (6) The Chair must not vote except in the event of a tie.
- (7) Members of Cabinet who are unable to attend a Cabinet meeting may express an opinion and cast a vote on a specific issue in a written communication to the meeting through the Chair.
- (8) The presence of at least 50% plus one of the members of Cabinet is necessary to constitute a meeting of Cabinet for the exercise of power.

Oath of Office

- 22** Every House Leader and Minister of the Crown must take the following Oath: “As {name of position of office} of the [x]th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, I promise that I shall, to the best of my ability carry out the duties entrusted to me by the Legislative Assembly.”

Matters not covered by enactments

- 23** All matters not covered by the provisions of this Act are at the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council in consultation with the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments of British Columbia Youth Parliament.

Amendment

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

Commencement

- 26** This Act repeals the previous *Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Act*.
- 27** This Act comes into effect on March 26, 2001.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AMENDMENT ACT, 2009

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, enact as follows:

- 1** *Section 3 be amended by striking the words “The Legislation Notification” and replacing it with the words “The Parliamentary Gazette” throughout.*
- 2** *Section 9 (2)(d) be amended by striking the words “The Legislation Notification” and replacing it with the words “The Parliamentary Gazette.”*
- 3** *Section 10 (5) be amended by striking the number “2” and replacing it with the number “1.”*
- 4** *Section 11 be amended by striking the words “The Legislation Notification” and replacing it with the words “The Parliamentary Gazette” throughout.*
- 5** *Section 11 (2) be amended by adding the following paragraph:*
 - (a.1) Facebook, and
- 6** *Section 11 (4) be amended by adding the following paragraph:*
 - (b.1) any interested persons.
- 7** *Section 14 (2)(d) be amended by striking the words “‘Man I Feel like a Woman’ by Shania Twain” and replacing it with “‘I Kissed a Girl’ by Katy Perry.”*
- 8** *Section 14 (3) be amended by striking the words “model status” and substituting it with “a restricted charter with financial limitations.”*
- 9** *Section 17 be repealed.*

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ACT, 2004

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An Act defining the responsibilities, duties, terms of office, and other matters pertaining to the Cabinet Ministers of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

Preamble

WHEREAS the Premier requires a Cabinet to carry out the duties of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to define and describe the duties of the Ministers of the Crown;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, enact as follows:

Responsibility of Cabinet

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

Responsibility of House Leaders

- 2 (1) House Leaders are responsible for duties as outlined in the *Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Act*.
- (2) The Premier is responsible for duties outlined in the *Regional Youth Parliament Premiers' Guidelines*.

Newsletter Submissions

- 3 (1) The Minister of Communications must set publication dates for *The Legislation Notification* newsletters.

- (2) Cabinet Ministers must submit written ministerial update to the Minister of Communications for publication in *The Legislation Notification* at least one week prior to the intended dispatch.

Cabinet Reports

- 4 Cabinet Ministers must submit written ministerial reports to the Premier whenever the Premier deems necessary.

Ministerial Records

- 5 (1) Each Cabinet Minister is responsible for maintaining all records relevant to his or her ministry.
- (2) At the end of the parliamentary year, each Minister must pass a copy of these records onto
- (a) the Minister of Archives to be placed in Archival Storage, and
 - (b) the incoming Minister.

Continuity Reports

- 6 Each Cabinet Minister and House Leader must submit a continuity report containing a detailed account of his or her policy, administration and recommendations to his or her successor by the end of the parliamentary year.

Deputy Ministers

- 7 When necessary, a Cabinet Minister may appoint a Deputy Minister from among the membership of the Legislative Assembly to assist with the duties of his or her ministry, upon approval of the Premier.

Standing Committees

- 8 (1) When necessary, a Cabinet Minister may appoint a Standing Committee to help complete Vancouver Island Youth Parliament projects.
- (2) All Standing Committees must be comprised of at least
- (a) one Member of the Legislative Assembly, and
 - (b) the Cabinet Minister appointing the Standing Committee.
- (3) All Standing Committees must be approved by the Premier.

Ministry of Archives

- 9 (1) There must be a Ministry of Archives whose head shall be called the Minister of Archives.
- (2) The Minister of Archives is responsible for maintaining and collecting data and items for the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Archives that must include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (a) a box to be called Archival Storage;
 - (b) a copy of the Journal from session;
 - (c) a copy of the Standing Orders;
 - (d) all publications of *The Legislation Notification* from throughout the parliamentary year;
 - (e) all Vancouver Island Youth Parliament news clippings;
 - (f) other data pertinent to the history of the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.
- (3) The Minister of Archives must maintain an index of all Archival Storage content, which is to be included in the Archival Storage.

Ministry of the Attorney General

- 10 (1) There must be a Ministry of the Attorney General whose head shall be called the Attorney General.
- (2) The Attorney General is responsible for the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Act and the Ministerial Responsibilities Act.
- (3) The Attorney General must compose Government sponsored legislation.
- (4) The Attorney General must scrutinize all Private Members' Resolutions before submission to the Speaker,
- (5) The Attorney General must submit all government sponsored legislation to the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Clerk at least 2 weeks prior to Session.

- (6) The Attorney General must table any amendments to minor provisions of legislation that may have been issued by the Lieutenant Governor in Council since the previous session.
- (7) The Attorney General table all Orders in Council from the previous year.
- (8) The Attorney General must monitor changes made to the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act* of British Columbia Youth Parliament and table a report which details any changes since the previous session of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

Ministry of Communications

- 11 (1) There must be a Ministry of Communication whose head shall be called the Minister of Communications.
- (2) The Minister of Communications is responsible for maintaining communication between Members, through means which may include, but are not limited to, the following methods:
 - (a) *The Legislation Notification* newsletter;
 - (b) call outs.
- (3) The Minister of Communications is responsible for the publication of a minimum of two issues of *The Legislation Notification* throughout the parliamentary year.
- (4) *The Legislation Notification* and email digests must be distributed to all
 - (a) Members of the Legislative Assembly, and
 - (b) House Servants.
- (5) Members may submit written material to be published in *The Legislation Notification* and email digests, however, all content is at discretion of the Minister of Communications.

Ministry of the Deputy Premier

- 12 (1) There must be a Ministry of the Deputy Premier whose head shall be called the Deputy Premier.
- (2) The Deputy Premier must
 - (a) aid the Premier in fulfilling his or her duties as outlined in the *Ministerial Responsibilities Act*, the *Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Act* and the *Regional Youth Parliament Premiers' Guidelines*,
 - (b) act in the place of the Premier if circumstances prevent the Premier from fulfilling his or her duties until the Premier resigns or forfeits his or her position, or resumes his or her duties, and
 - (c) act as the representative of the Premier in the absence of the Premier at Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Events.

Ministry of External Affairs

- 13 (1) There must be a Ministry of External Affairs whose head shall be called the Minister of External Affairs.
- (2) The Minister of External Affairs is responsible for
 - (a) coordinating the exchange of Ambassadors with other Regional Youth Parliaments,
 - (b) conveying the code of conduct and visiting policy as outlined in the Standing Orders and the *Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Act* to Ambassadors, and
 - (c) ensuring that Ambassadors are treated respectfully at Session and after.

Ministry of Finance

- 14 (1) There must be Ministry of Finance whose head shall be called the Minister of Finance.
- (2) The Minister of Finance is responsible for
 - (a) collecting appropriate information to formulate and present to the House a *Supply Act*,
 - (b) presenting a written financial statement to Senate when requested,
 - (c) tabling a written breakdown of all Ministerial budget estimates at least one sitting prior to the second reading of the *Supply Act*, and
 - (d) modelling funky shoes and singing following the second reading of the *Supply Act* to the song “Man I Feel Like A Woman” by Shania Twain.

- (3) In the event of a designation of model status for a given year, the Minister of Finance is responsible for contacting the Minister of Finance of the British Columbia Youth Parliament in regards to any financial needs or decisions.

Ministry of the Regional Secretary

- 15** (1) There must be a Ministry of the Regional Secretary whose head shall be called the Regional Secretary.
- (2) The Regional Secretary must keep minutes at all Lieutenant Governor in Council meetings and distribute copies to the other Cabinet Ministers.
- (3) The Regional Secretary must organise written and verbal greetings at Session from individuals who may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (a) Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island,
 - (b) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (c) the Prime Minister of Canada, and
 - (d) members of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Senate.
- (4) The Regional Secretary is responsible for all correspondence of behalf of the Legislative Assembly.
- (5) The Regional Secretary is responsible for sending letters of thanks to
- (a) all who contribute to Session,
 - (b) anyone who gave written or verbal greetings, and
 - (c) anyone else deemed appropriate by the Regional Planning Committee.

Ministry of Service

- 16** (1) There must be a Ministry of Service whose head shall be called the Minister of Service.
- (2) The Minister of Service is responsible for
- (a) monitoring, organising and approving all Vancouver Island Youth Parliament events,
 - (b) ensuring that the *Parliamentary Activities Act* is fulfilled,
 - (c) presenting written statements of service projects and fundraising events every three months to the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments of British Columbia Youth Parliament following the prorogation of the House, and
 - (d) ensuring that service projects are made accessible to all Members of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

Ministry of Social Affairs

- 17** (1) There must be a Ministry of Social Affairs whose head shall be called the Minister of Social Affairs.
- (2) The Minister of Social Affairs is responsible for ensuring that members of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament are provided with social events throughout the parliamentary year, as outlined in the *Parliamentary Activities Act*.

Resignation of Cabinet Ministers

- 18** The Premier may appoint a Member of the Legislative Assembly to replace a minister should a Cabinet Minister resign.

Additional Matters

- 19** Additional matters not covered by the provisions of this Act are at the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Amendments

- 20** This act, subject to the *Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Act*, may only be amended by an Act of Parliament.

Repealing of Previous Act

- 21** This act repeals the *Ministerial Responsibilities Act, 2001*

Commencement

- 22** This act comes into effect April 26th, 2004.

HONOURABLE ELIZABETH WOODS
MINISTER OF FINANCE

SUPPLY ACT, 2009

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An Act for Granting Certain Funds for the Purpose of Endorsing the Undertakings of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

Preamble

WHEREAS it appears by Message from the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor and the Estimates accompanying the Message that provision is required to defray certain expenses of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, and for other purposes connected with the legislated activities, for the financial year ending September 30, 2009;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament enacts as follows:

Voted expenses appropriation

- 1 From the sums to be raised there may be paid and applied in the manner and at the times the government may determine the sum of \$144.50 as set forth in the Schedule to this act, towards defraying the charges and expenses of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament for the financial year ending September 30, 2009.

Additional expenses

- 2 (1) The Minister of Finance, in consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council and the Senate, must determine commitment for and payment of reimbursements not exceeding the amounts specified in section 1 by more than 20 percent.
- (2) Additional expenditures may be authorized by an Order in Council.

Ways and means

- 3 The Minister of Finance is responsible for pursuing means of fundraising and instituting the said methods, and accepting grants from the Regional Planning Committee.

Application for Reimbursement

- 4 (1) Any Member seeking reimbursement must forward the necessary receipts or invoices directly to the Minister of Finance of British Columbia Youth Parliament.
- (2) If a Member has misplaced a receipt or invoice, he or she must provide the Minister of Finance of British Columbia Youth Parliament with a written description of the expense and an explanation as to the lack of appropriate documentation.
- (3) In accordance with Canada Revenue Agency regulations, a Member that has misplaced a receipt may not be reimbursed.

Account administration

5 British Columbia Youth Parliament must administer the finances of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

Financial year-end

6 The financial year-end of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament is September 30, 2009.

Authorization of Nineteenth Parliament expenses

7 Expenditures necessary for the 19th Parliament after September 30, 2009 are hereby authorized.

Tabling of financial statement

8 The Minister of Finance must table a financial statement at the second sitting of the First Session of the 19th Parliament.

Administration of this Act

9 The Minister of Finance, in consultation with the Regional Planning Committee, is responsible for the provisions of the Act, and for all other financial administration and concerns not cited in this Act.

Sunset provision

10 This Act expires upon the opening of the First Session of the 19th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

ESTIMATES OF THE 18TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT**Premier**

Camp Phoenix Donation	\$125.00	
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TOTAL		\$125.00
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Attorney General

Printing Costs	\$6.50	
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TOTAL		\$6.50
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Leader of the Opposition

Transportation	\$10.00	
Pudding/ Other Major-Dessert Item	\$10.00	

TOTAL		\$20.00
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Minister of Service

Water Balloons	\$8.00	
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TOTAL		\$8.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES

		\$159.50
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REVISED ESTIMATES OF THE 18TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT**Premier**

	Camp Phoenix Donation	\$125.00	
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	TOTAL		\$125.00
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Attorney General

	Printing Costs	\$6.50	
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	TOTAL		\$6.50
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Leader of the Opposition

	Transportation	\$10.00	
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	TOTAL		\$10.00
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Minister of Service

	Water Balloons	\$3.00	
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	TOTAL		\$3.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES

			\$144.50
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KELSEY MECH
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

RESOLUTION (NO. 1)
IN SUPPORT OF BANNING THE USE OF DERIVATIVES

WHEREAS we all know that D.E.R.I.V.A.T.I.V.E.S really stands for the Devilish Evil Rule Initiating Violent And Terrifying Intellectual, Vocal and Emotional Seizures;

AND WHEREAS Calculus is an unnecessary stress placed upon students today that may lead to future brain disorders such as secanatitis and one-to-one transmitted arcsinosis, with asymptotems including chronic log rolling and sinful tans, which may lead to one's admittance to the L'Ho(s)pital;

AND WHEREAS no one really needs to be able to find the derivative of the inverse of the normal line to the tangent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports supports banning the use of mathematical derivatives.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to:
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the Minister of Education,
 - (c) the British Columbia Association of Mathematics Teachers, and
 - (d) the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences.

DEFEATED

LIND-E HOBAN
CRITIC OF FINANCE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION (NO. 2)**IN SUPPORT OF A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION'S RADNESS**

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition's name is so rad that it doesn't even have to be spoken;

AND WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition helps others without asking for anything in return even when having ten times the amount of stress of the average person on her mind;

AND WHEREAS when the Leader of the Opposition is passionate about something she will take it into her heart to do anything she can to better the given situation, for example the Leader of the Opposition dedicates much of her time to raising awareness and taking action on environmental issues;

AND WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition does whatever she can to improve the lives of others even if it means putting her own desires and needs aside;

AND WHEREAS somehow the Leader of the Opposition is talented at everything; she excels in school, is an amazing actress, a great friend, is extremely involved in the community, and still finds the time to dedicate herself to youth parliament.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports having a moment at Session to reflect on the Leader of the Opposition's radness.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to:
 - (a) Members and Ambassadors of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, and
 - (b) the Servants of the House of the 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

CARRIED

EVA OLYNYK

CRITIC OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL SECRETARY

RESOLUTION (NO. 3)
IN SUPPORT OF THE KYOTO PLUS PROTOCOL

WHEREAS Canada is currently ranked as the worst of the G8 countries in the Kyoto Plus protocol;

AND WHEREAS the current government budget has proposed a \$6.52 billion five year environmental plan (from 2008 to 2012) as opposed to the previous administration's \$10 billion dollar over seven years proposition;

AND WHEREAS in September 2006, the then Minister of the Environment said that Canada had no chance of meeting its targets under the Kyoto Protocol and accused the government of wasting \$1 billion on emission-reduction efforts without keeping the country on track to meet its promises under the international agreement;

AND WHEREAS the two electric car companies of Canada, although award-winning, are being shut down due to lack of market share.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the Kyoto Plus Protocol.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Prime Minister of Canada,
 - (b) the Minister of the Environment of Canada,
 - (c) the Minister of Natural Resources of Canada, and
 - (d) the Premier of British Columbia.

DEFEATED

EVA OLYNYK

CRITIC OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL SECRETARY

RESOLUTION (NO. 4)

IN SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTION OF NATIONAL SHUT UP DAY

WHEREAS everyone is always making way to much noise;

AND WHEREAS nobody needs to mow their lawn, yell at the driver in front of them, or watch hockey every day;

AND WHEREAS most of the things people say are boring and irrelevant anyways;

AND WHEREAS bird watching and finger painting would be so much easier;

AND WHEREAS it would just be really really cool.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1** The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the institution of National Shut Up Day.
- 2** The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Prime Minister of Canada,
 - (b) the Minister of Health of Canada, and
 - (c) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

DEFEATED

JAMES TWAITES
CRITIC OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RESOLUTION (NO. 5)
IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGALIZATION OF POLYGAMY AND POLYANDRY

WHEREAS laws exist to address child abuse, statutory rape, and the abuse of women;

AND WHEREAS some argue that the acts of polygamy and polyandry do not directly cause emotional or physical harm;

AND WHEREAS it is a traditional religious practice of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and freedom of religious practice is supported by Canadian law;

AND WHEREAS Canadian law does not prohibit non-marital sexual group relationships;

AND WHEREAS wives in a polygamist or polyandrous relationship currently file taxes and apply for social assistance as single mothers and government money is spent to support them;

AND WHEREAS polygamist and polyandrous families are forced to exist secretly because of the law and this secrecy prevents them from benefiting equally from other aspects of the judicial system such as spousal benefits, inheritance, and child support;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the legalization of polygamy and polyandry.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Prime Minister of Canada,
 - (b) the Attorney General of Canada, and
 - (c) the Minister of Justice of Canada.

DEFEATED

YEAS – 8

NAYS – 9

KELSEY MECH
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

RESOLUTION (No. 6)
IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING BRITISH COLUMBIA'S ORCA POPULATION

WHEREAS eighty-three orcas are now in the three pods of whales that make up the southern resident population of the Seattle/Vancouver Island area, down from ninety-nine in 1996;

AND WHEREAS seven of the southern whales, including some breed females, died last year;

AND WHEREAS, principal among the threats to these whales are environmental contamination, physical and acoustic disturbance, and reduction in the lack of their primary prey, chinook and chum salmon;

AND WHEREAS studies have shown the orca to be among the most contaminated mammal in the world, resulting from pollutants in the ocean such as PDBs, DDT and brominated flame retardants;

AND WHEREAS salmonid aquaculture may be contributing to the decline of wild salmon stocks due to the unusually high occurrence of sea lice associated with open-net pen salmon farms;

AND WHEREAS increased noise pollution from shipping, seismic testing, military sonar and industrial activities can disrupt these animals' behaviour and communication and can even cause physical injury;

AND WHEREAS these killer whales were declared endangered under Canada's *Species at Risk Act* in 2004 and under the U.S. *Endangered Species Act* in 2005;

AND WHEREAS in February 2009, the federal government issued an order that will provide legal protection for the endangered species habitat.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the protection of British Columbia's orca population.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans of Canada,
 - (b) the Minister of National Defense of Canada,
 - (c) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (d) the Minister of Agriculture and Lands of British Columbia.

CARRIED / DEFEATED / PRINTED

JESSICA HARKEMA
CRITIC OF COMMUNICATION

RESOLUTION (NO. 7)
IN SUPPORT OF CANADIAN CITIZENS HAVING THE RIGHT TO PERSONAL EUTHANASIA

WHEREAS people who are currently faced with terminal illnesses do not have the legal opportunity to a physician's assistance in ending their lives;

AND WHEREAS it has been proposed that physician-assisted personal euthanasia should be a legal right.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports Canadian citizens having the right to personal euthanasia.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Prime Minister of Canada, and
 - (b) the Minister of Health of Canada.

CARRIED

SONJA KORNELSEN
CRITIC OF ARCHIVES AND SERVICE

RESOLUTION (NO. 8)**IN SUPPORT OF ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOLS HAVING ROLLER COASTERS**

WHEREAS through roller coasters, physics students could learn laws relating to gravitational force, velocity, and acceleration through first-hand experience;

AND WHEREAS it would give elementary and middle school students something to look forward to;

AND WHEREAS this would create a source of income for the British Columbia education system;

AND WHEREAS it serve as a tourist attraction to out-of-province visitors;

AND WHEREAS roller coasters would be beneficial to multiple departments within each school including information technology, mathematics, and drafting and design.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports all British Columbia high schools having roller coasters.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Minister of Education of British Columbia,
 - (b) the British Columbia Science Teachers Association, and
 - (c) the Coaster Enthusiasts of Canada.

CARRIED

YEAS – 8

NAYS – 5

EVA OLYNYK

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND CRITIC OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION (NO. 9)**IN OPPOSITION TO THE PRIVATE FUNDING OF PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS**

WHEREAS many individuals argue that private funding for provincial electoral campaigns is unjust;

AND WHEREAS private funding can influence the priorities of campaigning members;

AND WHEREAS the money could instead be used for humanitarian causes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament opposes the private funding of provincial electoral campaigns.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) Elections BC,
 - (b) the Liberal Party of British Columbia,
 - (c) the Green Party of British Columbia,
 - (d) the New Democratic Party of British Columbia, and
 - (e) the Conservative Party of British Columbia.

CARRIED / DEFEATED / PRINTED

**DIAMOND ISINGER
AMBASSADOR FOR BURNABY**

RESOLUTION (NO. 10)

IN SUPPORT OF LOWERING THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA TO SIXTEEN YEARS OLD

WHEREAS it has been put forth that a lower drinking age may lower binge drinking and alcoholism;
AND WHEREAS individuals currently have the right to enlist in the army and vote before they are able to legally drink;
AND WHEREAS youth are often impacted by alcohol-related offences;
AND WHEREAS the sale of alcohol, if taxed, has the potential to bolster the economy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports lowering the legal drinking age in British Columbia to sixteen years old.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the Minister of Health of British Columbia, and
 - (c) the Liquor Control Board of British Columbia.

CARRIED / DEFEATED / PRINTED

HONOURABLE SARAH LUNDY
REGIONAL SECRETARY AND MINISTER OF ARCHIVES

RESOLUTION (NO. 11)**IN SUPPORT OF THE RELOCATION OF GRADE NINE STUDENTS TO WORK CAMPS**

WHEREAS school halls are filled with Axe and other nausea-inducing aerosol sprays;

AND WHEREAS relocating grade nine students to work camps will help develop discipline and a strong work ethic;

AND WHEREAS grade nine students' awkward methods of congregation often prove to be hazards to themselves and others;

AND WHEREAS many individuals do not like emo kids, hipsters, or hormonal cases.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the mandatory relocation of grade nine students to work camps.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia,
 - (b) the Minister of Education of British Columbia, and
 - (c) the British Columbia Principals' and Vice Principals' Association.

CARRIED / DEFEATED / PRINTED

ELIZABETH SAMUELS
AMBASSADOR FOR VANCOUVER

**RESOLUTION (NO. 12)
IN OPPOSITION TO SWIM BRIEFS (“SPEEDO” SUITS)**

WHEREAS in a poll of Shadow Cabinet members, one-hundred percent of individuals surveyed stated that swim brief (“speedo”) bathing suits should not be worn by those with BMI ranking above ‘healthy,’ as it is visually displeasing;

AND WHEREAS swim brief suits allow for greater exposure to the sun, leading to an increased risk for skin cancer, which is against the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament motto, as it does not promote physical well-being;

AND WHEREAS swim brief suits reveal a large amount of bare skin, which can be offensive.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament opposes the wearing of swim brief bathing suits.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) Speedo.

CARRIED / DEFEATED / PRINTED

HONOURABLE RYDER BERGERUD
PREMIER

RESOLUTION (NO. 13)
IN SUPPORT OF CANADA RAISING ITS OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE SPENDING TO
0.7% OF ITS CURRENT GROSS NATIONAL INCOME

WHEREAS Canada has made repeated promises to meet this target, first in 1969 at the United Nations General Assembly, and then later in 2002 at the United Nations International Conference on Financing for Development in Monterrey, Mexico;¹

AND WHEREAS the Millennium Development Goals, which Canada supports, state the need to halve extreme poverty in the world by 2015;²

AND WHEREAS Canada's ODA contribution for 2007 was 0.28% of its GNI;³

AND WHEREAS over one billion people worldwide live under the extreme poverty line, one US dollar per day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the raising of Canada's current Official Development Assistance spending to 0.7% of its Gross National Income.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Prime Minister of Canada,
 - (b) the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, and
 - (c) the Minister of Finance of Canada.

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¹ <http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/library/PRBpubs/prb0710-e.htm>

² Ibid

³ <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/27/55/40381862.pdf>

SOLOMAN REECE

DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION (NO. 14)

**IN SUPPORT OF RECOGNIZING THE ABORIGINAL LAND ON WHICH VANCOUVER ISLAND
YOUTH PARLIAMENT IS HELD**

WHEREAS Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands were first inhabited by the First Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1** The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament recognizes the aboriginal land in which Vancouver Island Youth Parliament is held.
- 2** The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Chief of the Tsawwassen First Nation.

CARRIED / DEFEATED / PRINTED

KARN SAFAYA
ATTORNEY GENERAL

**RESOLUTION (NO. 15)
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 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the legalization of marijuana.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to:
 - (a) the Premier of British Columbia, and
 - (b) the Minister of Health of British Columbia.

CARRIED / DEFEATED / PRINTED

**RESOLUTION (NO. 16)
IN OPPOSITION TO INSITE**

WHEREAS drugs such as heroin and cocaine are illegal;

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1** The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament opposes Insite.
- 2** The Regional 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.

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KARN SAFAYA
ATTORNEY GENERAL

RESOLUTION (NO. 17)**IN SUPPORT OF AN EXTRA 10 MINUTES TO REFLECT ON THE CLERKS' EPIC GREATNESS**

WHEREAS the Clerks 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, Vancouver Island Youth Parliament would not be able to function.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1 The 18th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament supports the allocation of an extra 10 minutes to reflect on the Clerks' epic greatness.
- 2 The Regional Secretary communicate this position to
 - (a) the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, and
 - (b) the Admiral Chief Clerk of Vancouver Island Youth Parliament.

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HONOURABLE EMILY GAGE

PREMIER

17TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT**PREMIER**

Congratulations Ryder! Acclamation is what the cool kids do anyways. I'm very happy to know that VIYP is in good hands for it's 18th session. As you already know, being premier is all about management. And who is a Regional Manager? Michael Scott from The Office. I have included helpful quotations to supplement my rambles. Now, because flowery language and I don't mix, let's get on to the good stuff.

Preessional Stuff: The fun starts here.

“Do you even know how paper is made? Its not like steel. You don't put it into a furnace. If you put paper into a furnace do you know what would happen? You'd ruin it.”

Recruit, recruit, recruit! VIYP won't run if the only members are you, and the Leader of the Opposition. I think they call that a chess match, except you'd have the Speaker telling you to stand up before you say 'checkmate'. Not much fun. Yes, this is the CRO's job, and I'm very sure they will be doing whatever they can to recruit. But chances are, this CRO is only one person who has things going on in their own life too. I have been told that premiers in the past did school visits, much like I did this year. If you have the time, it is worth talking to the CRO to see if they could use your assistance. No members equals no session equals you are not the premier so stop reading now.

In consultation with the Chair, you will have to plan the social on Saturday night. We played Twister, Dance Dance Revolution and What? It's fun. It's a great way to remind the other members that you are a human being (despite the lack of sleep and heightened stress level). Keep things generic, and that everyone can partake in at once.

You have some speeches to write! How exciting! The Throne Speech formally welcomes everyone to the weekend and outlines what's going to happen. Include your goals for the sessional year, and boom! You have a Throne Speech. The other speech is the Prorogation Speech. This speech thanks everyone for their hard work, and reminds them that VIYP absolutely does not end after session. This speech is also formal and motivational.

Cabinet and You: Picking people who won't completely despise you after spending a stressful weekend with you.

“This is awkward to talk about but there may or may not be but definitely is a mutiny forming in the warehouse right now.”

Although my original choices for my cabinet didn't work out quite as I envisioned, I was thoroughly happy with my cabinet last year. I had four people on my cabinet, and found this to be a very workable number. If nothing else, pick people you trust and can count on. Your job is to be a resource, supervisor, and the big cheese, so have people who give (and can take!) honest advice.

Here's what I looked for when I picked my cabinet:

Deputy Premier: Not a necessary position. Many people choose to have a deputy because of all the work you have to do, but if you feel like Superman-ing through all of your duties, all the power to you. The Deputy Premier is another buffer between you and insanity sometimes. Make sure you can talk to this person about problems - an open discussion will stop you from becoming totalitarian. I chose my AG because she and I had worked with the legislation for some time before the cabinet was even selected - she mostly knew of the work that went into pre-sessional planning. If, for whatever reason, I flaked out, I felt that she had the greatest handle on what the premier had to do.

Attorney General: Responsible, competent, attention to detail. This person will be scrutinizing word placement and meanings of sections for two months. Make sure you can trust that this person will do a good job of the legislation! You will be defending what they produce (of course, after you and your cabinet agree on it), so it should be top notch. Also, the Attorney General will be talking a lot. Paper flow, PMRs, defending acts. Yikes. Make sure they know about this, and are fully prepared for all the work!

Service: You want this person to be friendly, approachable, and involved in their community. Having a service minister with connections or past experiences with planning minor events is what you're looking for. Again, you should be able to talk to this person openly and honestly - VIYP would do well to concentrate on service, and having someone who shares this viewpoint is super. My Minister of Service was so awesome. She was like a half-Deputy Premier to me, as she was always helping me out without asking, but still doing her job seamlessly. They will be presenting an act (Parliamentary Activities Act!) so make sure they're ok with talking for a little bit!

Regional Secretary: As you probably (hopefully!) know, the Regional Secretary asks for written and verbal greetings from prominent figures and BCYP's cabinet/senate. If you decide to have an unrestricted regional (and the RYPMC agrees), the RS will also have to send out thank you letters and the PMRs. I chose you because we spoke a few times at session, and I got the impression that you were a dedicated individual who I could trust to get the greetings sorted out - the regional secretary is sadly so often overlooked, but I think their job is nifty.

External Affairs: They communicate with other regionals and see if VIYP members want to be ambassadors for other RYPs. This is pretty redundant for VIYP because we're the last regional of the year. Bummer! However, if you can keep the members around until... next February, the XA minister might have something to do. Definitely double-up this position with something else.

Finance: We didn't have a Supply Act, so my Minister of Finance was basically a liaison between VIYP and BCYP. This incurred many QP discussions on the poor minister's behalf, although he was good to take it in stride.

Communications: I unluckily got this position because my other minister was unable to make it. I took it on myself, and really didn't do enough for it. I love BCYP communications, and I think VIYP communications could be great too... if there was something to put in the e-digests. Perhaps in your legislation you should change this to a fewer number of e-digests? Just a thought.

BCYP members are a great resource for cabinet. Here, you have people you've already met, contact information you already have, and people with experience with legislation! Fabulous. Obviously, don't pick your best friend who is in Mongolia during session as your Attorney General. Probably won't work out too well.

Legislation: A fun distraction from schoolwork.

"I have a very difficult decision to make. It's like last week I was at the video store. Do I rent Devil Wares Prada, again, or do I finally get around to seeing Sophie's Choice? It is what you would call a classic difficult decision."

Last year, I got a copy of the 16th session's journal and printed out all the legislation and had it lying around my room for about a week, making scratches and notes all over them until they were barely legible. Then, my wonderful AG and I spend a few hours in Starbucks drinking coffee and discussing the legislation, because we are hip.

You'll want to have a legislation day/weekend before session. April seems to be a good month (assuming VIYP is held in May). Get your cabinet together, play some games, go over legislation. Easy peasy. The AG can spearhead a lot of the legislation stuff, so you can concentrate on pre-session preparations. Also, now is a good time to see who would be a good deputy (if you don't have one at this point). Make sure you go over standing orders, and encourage them to write PMRs. There's nothing worse than having tons of time left to the weekend and no PMRs to debate!

Shadow Cabinet Relations:

"Studies have shown that more information gets passed through watercooler gossip than through official memos - which puts me at a disadvantage because... I bring my own water to work."

Before session, get in contact with the Leader of the Opposition. There were some communications issues during my year, which you would be wise to avoid. Ask them what their expectations are of you and your cabinet, and try and get a list of shadow cabinet members to match up with your cabinet. Ministers and critics should also talk before session, but it's somewhat less important.

Session:

"There are certain defining moments in a person's life. The day he's born. The day he grows hair. The day he starts a business and the day he sells that business back to Dunder Mifflin. What have I learned from all of this? It is far too early to tell. All I know is that I'm flying high and I don't even want to think about it. I just want to enjoy it."

And here it is. Everything you've been planning for the past couple months comes to fruition. Also, stress. This is why you went over the legislation over and over and over. This is why you chose a cabinet of relatively nice, and very competent people. And this is why being a premier is fun.

Session was fun for me. I had a very cool cabinet, and all the planning the wonderful Chair did made everything run smoothly. What's important is that you enjoy it, and you are able to express this to the newer members. I wish I had interacted more with the newer members to really convey what VIYP meant to me, and what it was all about in my eyes. If you are a big, scary premier who starts throwing pens around the house, chances are members won't want to come back. VIYP is a regional that has come back from a few hard years, and the way to build it back up is a solid foundation (because BCYP likes house metaphors, of course).

In the mornings, you'll have caucus meetings. Make sure members know what's going on, and check in with your ministers to see if they're prepped for their act or speech. It's also fun to play a game, just to wake everyone up. Bring some icebreaker games! Or you can always borrow some we use at BCYP.

Post-Session: Ductaping people together is kind of illegal.

And here's where your choice of Minister of Service is really important. Sure, anyone can be fired up and ready to go serve the community at session. It's another thing to be fired up two months after, and forced to choose between lunch with your friends, or going to do a beach clean-up with some people you kind of remember. Don't be afraid to call up members and ask what's up, and what days they would be free for a service event. Getting personal contact through the phone with other members is something I didn't do last year, although in retrospect I really should have.

We ran one service event, and one social activity, both on the same day. It was a beach clean-up and potluck lunch, which went over quite well. Beach clean-ups are easy and really fun if you can do them during the summer. Don't forget garbage bags, gloves and water!

Other Stuff: Because categorization is hard.

House servants are awesome. Without them, no matter how many members you have or how much work you've put into preparation, VIYP wouldn't happen. Mention to your cabinet - and other members - that the clerks shouldn't be bothered unless it's necessary. The Attorney General has the most reason to be in the clerking room out of any member, but ensure everyone knows that respecting their space is what will be key in having a lovely, proper journal at the end of the weekend.

Question Period. Oh, gosh. Remember for all but the last question period, it's just you, the LofO and your cabinet that are up for questioning. Watch what you say, and remember you can defer questions. Give the Leader of the Opposition a run for their money - after all, it is their unofficial job :)

Boredom is something that will, in all likelihood, happen. Not everyone thinks legislation is as exciting as we do (!), so you can always ask the AG to speed up the proceedings by calling for question, or even calling for a quick recess so people can stretch or get some fresh air.

Again, if you have any questions I would be more than happy to answer them. The premier of the 15th session, Liz Tribe, wrote a fantastic continuity report that goes into much greater detail than I do - her session was larger and a little different than mine, but it is certainly something to read if you are so inclined.

GEORGE ANDERSON
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
17TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Dear Kelsey,

Congratulations on being chosen as the new L of O. I know that you will do a great job as Leader of the opposition from watching you at the sessions that we were at together at BCYP. Here are a few tips or suggestions from my time as Leader of the Opposition.

The first thing is to make sure that you and the Premier are in contact from the beginning of VIYP and have regular communications, to make sure everything runs smoothly. Remember your job is not to continuously criticize the government but to work alongside with the Premier and Cabinet to make sure there that the legislation is well understood. Some people may believe that if you are on Shadow or Shadow cabinet you are just the government's rubber stamp for legislation, or that you are not as important because you are not on the government side this is not true. It is your responsibility to make sure that there is always transparency and Accountability within the legislation. You want the legislation to be understandable, precise, reasonable, and of course relevant to parliament. In order to be able to do this properly, I would suggest appointing a Shadow Cabinet to help you. (It will certainly make your job a lot easier.) Also, try and have a pre-session meeting with your Shadow Cabinet to make sure that everyone knows what exactly they are doing, to see if there are any amendments that need to be made, to answer any questions and to resolve any disputes or debates. It helps to get that all out of the way before Session starts. Also try and make sure that you and your shadow cabinet have cabinet solidarity when you go into the house and are voting on legislation. The last thing you want is to have your cabinet falling apart in the house.

During session, there may be people who are having a hard time following or understanding what's happening or possibly falling asleep (like in the 17th VIYP, we will not mention names though). It's your job to quietly wander up and down the Opposition benches, talking to Members and answering any questions they may have. This may help further debates. Also as LofO sometimes during session some of the legislation can be quite boring it is your responsibility to bring longevity to the house, by making legislation fun and exciting whether that be through making fun of yourself (like I did many times) or finding your own way.

In closing remember the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament must focus on areas where it can really make a difference, within parliament remember the value of working together. There may be barriers within parliament that you must bring down of circumstance and try to build new bridges that everyone can all cross together. Within parliament the goal should be to forge an alliance with one another to make Vancouver Island the best place it can be both the young and the old.

I have no doubt in my mind that you will be an amazing job as Leader of the Opposition. Best wishes, have fun and represent the Shadows.

Yours in Parliament,

George Anderson

HONOURABLE DUSTIN ADAMS
DEPUTY PREMIER
15TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT

DEPUTY PREMIER

[In the absence of a Continuity Report of the Deputy Premier of the 17th Parliament, the Continuity Report of the Deputy Premier of the 15th Parliament is tabled.]

Dear Erin,

Congratulations on your appointment as Deputy Premier. I have observed your work ethic many times in the past, and I have no doubt that you will fulfil the requirements your new position will demand of you.

But you may ask, “What exactly is the Deputy Premier supposed to do?” Even as I write this, I’m not quite sure how to depict this ministry to you. But one thing is for sure: this is an important behind-the-scenes job. The Premier will most likely have many ideas throughout the year, and it will be your job to provide feedback, advice, or just to listen. Often, the Premier may be too busy to deal with all the problems and situations that will arise at Session and afterwards, and it will be your duty to handle such things and deal with them accordingly.

I also believe that a Deputy Premier’s job is to aid the other Ministers of cabinet if they require help. Just as you should support the Premier by being a “sounding board,” you should do the same for the Ministers of cabinet. Often they will need someone to bounce ideas off of, or they might require some help in fulfilling one of their duties. As Deputy Premier, you have the ability to become involved with any of the ministries, and you should be ready to help when it is needed.

To the uninitiated, the role of the Deputy Premier may seem unimportant and very easy. However, as I found out (and as you will too), this position can be very deceiving. Try to imagine the Deputy Premier as the wet cement that holds together blocks of concrete. You must fill in the cracks and spaces to help ensure that the wall that is being built (a.k.a. government/cabinet) holds together.

Lastly, it’s your duty to keep the Premier from going insane (keep some Tylenol on hand just in case)! I hope you have a very rewarding and educating year, and I know for a fact that it will be fun as well.

SUSANNAH JESSE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
17TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Karn,

First of all, congratulations on your appointment to Attorney General! As you have probably discovered, this position requires a significant amount of preparation. This is primarily because you are in charge of writing all of the legislation, developing PMRs, creating a schedule for the presentation of the legislation, organizing your motion slips and, of course, nagging the previous year's cabinet for their continuity reports.

On the skill set and personality necessary to successfully function as Attorney General:

Efficiency and accuracy are imperative. This implies that the Attorney General has had experience with legislation and understands how session functions. A degree of confidence is important since cabinet will be defending all of the written legislation. Be prepared enough for yourself, your ministers, and then some. This way you can always defend the legislation even if they cannot.

On motion slips & scripts:

In the midst of session last year a clerk gave me a hint on how to organize my huge pile of motion slips. Staple them! When it is time to use the motion script, rip it off of the pile. This saved me a great deal of trouble. All of the motion slips should be written out before you arrive in the House and should correspond to your motion script.

On PMRs:

New members have great ideas for PMRs (sometimes) but do not necessarily know how to write them. If the Minister for New Member Relations (or something?) were to give new members a template to help with the wording of PMRs, that would decrease the possibility of a PMR shortage and would encourage new member participation. Another way to make session run smoothly is to make it mandatory for cabinet to submit a certain number of PMRs, the number depending on the size of your cabinet. With your cabinet creating PMRs before session, this will ensure that they can be submitted to the clerks and debated at the beginning of session. Also – and I don't think that you, personally, will have a problem with this – make sure you balance the funny debates with the sinister ones.

On Preparing Legislation:

You need to write the Parliamentary Activities Act, the Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Amendment Act, and the Ministerial Responsibilities Amendment Act. The proposed legislation and the consolidated legislation also need to be prepared. Any proposed changes to the legislation can be a result of the specific changes pertaining to the new cabinet or can simply indicate a grammatical error or a discrepancy with BCYP standards of operation. In creating and formatting these changes, it is especially helpful to work with the Premier. This individual should have a strong idea of what parliament will accomplish in the coming year which will help you to focus on which changes ought to be made.

Really, it all boils down to being an expert on every piece of legislation that passes through your fingers – concept, grammatical structure, phrasing, and all – and being exceptionally organized and prepared for session

All the best Karn! You will do an excellent job AND be funny at the same time.

HONOURABLE CORRIGAN CASSIDY
 MINISTER OF ARCHIVES
 15TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT

ARCHIVES

[In the absence of a Continuity Report of the Minister of Archives of the 17th Parliament, the Continuity Report of the Minister of Archives of the 15th Parliament is tabled.]

Hey Crystal,

This must be huge for you. You've been appointed, nay, begged to be the Général de la Box; the Minister of Archives! Try not to be overwhelmed by this momentous event.

Doesn't matter how you say it, Archives is one of the most important Ministries out there. Hey, without you how would we know what the great people of the past fifteen Sessions did? And without that, what would you be doing? Probably being a Member, which is cool, but that's not the point. I digress. As I often do.

Anyways, organize, shuffle, switch boxes... customize it! Leave your lil' fingerprint on the box; paint it, put stickers on it, get a new box, whatever! It's your Ministry this year. Do what you want. I'll be giving you a box at Session or be sending it with one of the Cabinet Ministers. They'll give it to you. It'll have a few fun things in it, but beware... the box is your friend. Keep it safe. Guard it with your life.

The box likes to move around! Bring it with you wherever you go. Don't leave it in the House. It needs to go to your replacement next year, so keep it safe. Protect it from anyone who might harm it in any way. You are the Guardian of the Box (try to amend your Title to that in the Ministerial Responsibilities Act, I did!) and therefore are rather obligated to protect it.

So the stuff you'll need to put in the box includes, but is not limited to the following:

- A copy of the Journal at the end of Session! Inside of the box you might find a copy of the Journal from the 15th VIYP and a few other things.
- Pictures from Session! They're fun to take out and look at later, so get 'em if you can.
- Anything to do with submissions, roughs, Bock Reviews (the newsletter we get after Session), brochures, newspaper clippings, anything about VIYP that you can find! It's wonderful. You'll love it.
- Any letters that VIYP gets sent.
- Any minutes that the Cabinet Secretary takes at Leg Weekend and other meetings.
- Anything else that is significant to VIYP. It all goes in 'da box.

Since your wonderful Ministry is so important, it's really important that you go to as many Legislation and Cabinet meetings as you humanly can. If the Members want something in the box, it's your task to file that. Enjoy. One hint: get files for each VIYP session you have stuff for (14th, 15th, 16th, 4th, whatever!) It'll really help keep things organized.

If you have any questions, contact me, whether I'm on Cabinet, Shadow, or even a Member. I'm your best friend now. Call me whenever you want, but on weekends make sure it's after 10am! So there it is. Keep the legendary Box safe!

Partners in Parl-geeklyness.

HONOURABLE GRAEME BOCK
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS
15TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

[In the absence of a Continuity Report of the Minister of Communications of the 17th Parliament, the Continuity Report of the Minister of Communications of the 15th Parliament is tabled.]

Dear Caitlin,

Congratulations on your appointment as the Minister of Communications. Your job (obviously) is to keep all of the members of VIYP up to date and informed of activities and important news throughout the sessional year.

Not only are you responsible for keeping us in touch with each other, you must also publish every so often a newsletter that highlights our events and accomplishments. Currently the required number of publications is four. The newsletter serve another purpose as well. Not only do they let Members know about what's going on but it proves to be an excellent resource for anyone not in VIYP that wants information about the organization.

Other than newsletter, you have three of ways to keep in touch with people. The most common will probably be the phone. Other Ministers of Communications have said they never used the phone, but I always did. It is the best and the most direct way to get in touch with someone. When you use the phone they can't claim that they didn't hear about it or anything like that. Another way to keep in touch is through email. I wouldn't recommend this because people are always changing their email addresses and not all of them check their inboxes often. The one thing I have found e-mail to be useful in however is contact with the outside world. Companies, organizations, and political parties return e-mails quickly and usually with a good amount of information. The third way is through the mail. This is the best way if you want to send stuff to people. I myself never had to use this but I know our former Premier, Liz, sent pamphlets and letters a couple of times. Yes, I know, the mail and all these long distance phone calls are expensive but don't worry because you have a budget for it.

You will be working mostly with the Minister of Service and myself, the new Premier. I will be needing your services as Minister of Communications quite a bit so be prepared. That's about all I can say, so good luck and enjoy yourself. It will be a lot of fun.

**HONOURABLE RYDER BERGERUD
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
17TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Sol,

Its good to hear you've taken up the Ministry of External Affairs. Although you might have heard that this is one of the quieter ministries, you nevertheless have some important responsibilities to fulfill. As minister of external affairs, you're duties are to take care of most matters concerning the welfare of ambassadors. Usually, you also have the responsibility of notifying members of BCYP of ambassadorial opportunities among other regional youth parliaments, but since BCYP is the last regional of the year, there's not much you can do. Ambassador are an important part of VIYP, and you must ensure that they are treated with respect and welcomed into the house to keep or reputation as a notable regional youth parliament in BC. Remember, if there is any problems pertaining to ambassadors, you will be held responsible in question period, and it will reflect poorly on your ministry. Otherwise, I wish you the best of luck with this Ministry.

Ryder

**HONOURABLE RYDER BERGERUD
REGIONAL SECRETARY
17TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

REGIONAL SECRETARY

Dear Sarah,

Hopefully you don't find this position boring after being accepted as a page in Ottawa! The Regional Secretary has two main responsibilities, organizing greetings and communicating the positions VIYP takes after we vote in favour of a private member's resolution. I recommend you start emailing MLA's, MP's, our Premier, our Prime Minister, or anyone else who would be suitable to give greetings as soon as possible. That way you have a chance at organising verbal greetings and at receiving as many written greetings as possible, as some will be sent by snail mail. Email addresses for MLA's and MP's are of course listed on the BC Legislature and Federal Parliament websites. Its really exciting though getting all those official looking letters from members of the legislative assembly and parliament. I can't tell you much about the second part of your job, since we were a restricted charter last year I didn't have to communicate VIYP's positions to anyone, but you will. Anyways, I really enjoyed this ministry and hope you will too!

Bonne Chance,

Ryder

HONOURABLE GRAEME BOOK
MINISTER OF SERVICE
15TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT

SERVICE

[In the absence of a Continuity Report of the Minister of Service of the 16th Parliament, the Continuity Report of the Minister of Service of the 15th Parliament is tabled.]

Dear Liz,

It feels so weird to be writing a continuity report to you. As if you don't know it all already. What can I possibly tell you that you don't know yet?

Well as you know, because you wrote the legislation, the Ministry of Parliamentary Activities has been changed this year to the Ministry of Service but there are only a few or no changes in the duties. You are going to be responsible for designing and promoting all of the activities our youth parliament undertakes. I'm sure you have lots of things already in mind and, along with what we did last year, I would like to see the GAP started (and finished?) this year. If I could give you a goal, would be it that.

Also this year I recommend that you plan a social event for all Members of VIYP. Our main problem last year was that our outlying Members did not get involved and I feel that a social after Session will help with that. Also I would like you to work more closely with the Ministers of the Island in order to ensure that regional events get planned as well as VIYP-wide events.

Well, that's about all I can ask of you. I have faith that you will do a great job and continue to make VIYP what it was last year.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

[In the absence of a Continuity Report of the Minister of Social Affairs of the 17th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament, this report is intentionally left blank.]

HONOURABLE KARN SAFAYA
ATTORNEY GENERAL

REPORT ON THE REGIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENTS ACT, 2009

In December 2008 the Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments presented a new version of the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act* to replace the existing copy. The Ministry had undergone a number of changes in the past number of years and it was decided that it was prudent to repeal the entire act rather than produce a complicated and convoluted amendment act. The major changes and additions are listed below:

1. The Standing of Regionals has changed from “Model Status” and “Full Status” to “Restricted” and “Unrestricted”. In the past, a Full Status parliament was one that had fully binding legislation, the ability to raise and utilize monies, and issue Orders in Council (OICs). On the other hand, Model Status parliaments did not have binding legislations, had no ability to handle monies, and could not issue OICs. Ministers had reached the consensus that placing a blanket of restrictions on a parliament instead of addressing the specific behaviors had a stigmatizing effect on the parliament in question, creating friction between the members and the Regional Youth Parliament ministry. By altering the language to “Restricted” and “Unrestricted”, this allows the Minister and the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee discretion in deciding the limits of each parliament, instead of arbitrarily restricting all of their activities. An “Unrestricted” Parliament allows a Parliament the full powers available under a “Full Status” Charter (see above). Restrictions placed on a “Restricted” Parliament can include the inability to pass a *Supply Act* and handle monies, organizing or participating in service projects, or issuing OICs. (Please refer to Section 11 of the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act, 2009*.)
2. Section 7, entitled Regional Planning Committees, was expanded by including the position of Legislative Liaison in subsection (4). The position of Legislative Liaison had been a required position in the past, but instead of being included in the legislation it was listed in the Regional Youth Parliaments Handbook. (Please refer to Section 8 for more information about the handbook). The Legislative Liaison is an important position as he/she acts as an invaluable resource for members of regionals who may or may not have extensive legislative experience.
3. The process of Legislative Review (section 22) was streamlined and made more efficient within the new act. In the past, the process was described in fairly convoluted terms and over many sections, creating confusion and a lack of consistency and compliance within the Ministry.
4. In general, the act was revised to eliminate repealed notations, as well as updating the numbering scheme to reflect the new sections.

In conclusion, the new *Regional Youth Parliaments Act* is intended to improve the Charter review process, as well as improving the relations between the members and the ministry. If any members have any questions or would like a copy of the old *Regional Youth Parliaments Act*, please feel free to contact me at karen.ratchford@bcyp.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

HONOURABLE KARN SAFAYA
ATTORNEY GENERAL

**REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REGIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF THE 17TH VANCOUVER ISLAND
YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

In accordance with section 27 of the *Regional Youth Parliaments Act, 1999 (Consolidated 2008)* the Regional Youth Parliament Management Committee scrutinized legislation passed at the 17th Vancouver Island Youth Parliament. The committee met via e-mail between August 28th and September 6th. The representative appointed by the Cabinet of the 17th VIYP to take part in the discussions was Premier Emily Gage.

The following acts and resolutions were scrutinized:

Parliamentary Activities Act, 2008

Ministerial Responsibilities Amendment Act, 2008

Vancouver Island Youth Parliament Amendment Act, 2008

Resolution (No. 1) – In Support of the Government of British Columbia Funding Free HPV Vaccinations for Female Students

Resolution (No.3) – In Support of Darth Vader Entering Canadian Politics

Resolution (No. 4) – In Opposition to the Privatization of Health Care in Canada

Resolution (No. 6) – In Support of Creating a LavaLife Account for the Leader of the Opposition

Resolution (No. 7) – In Opposition to Burma's "Semi-Closed Door" Policy on Foreign Aid

Resolution (No. 10) In Support of the Abolishment of the Canadian Penny

The recommendation to the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council is as follows:

The Lieutenant Governor in Council reserve the Communication Clause of *Resolution (No. 3) – In Support of Darth Vader Entering Canadian Politics*

Respectfully submitted,

Sasa Pudar

Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
17TH VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

Income:		
	Registration Fees	\$640.00
	General RYP Account Grant	\$259.10
<i>Total Income:</i>		\$899.10
Expense (Regional Planning Committee):		
	Charter Fee	\$45.00
	Food	\$444.39
	Printing and Photocopying	\$50.00
	Site	\$120.00
	Supplies	17.67
	House Servant Travel	\$217.50
<i>Total Expense:</i>		\$894.56
NET PROFIT (Loss):		\$4.54