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NEWS RELEASE

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RE: Yukon Legislative Assembly Restarts Youth Parliament After 8 Year Hiatus

The Yukon Legislative Assembly is excited to reintroduce the Yukon Youth Parliament program after an eight-year hiatus.

The program will include collaborating with current Members of the Legislative Assembly, attending educational sessions on the procedures of the Assembly and participating in a model parliament session.

“This is a great opportunity for students to vigorously debate motions in the same manner as members of the Legislative Assembly that are of interest to them and topical in their lives, while at the same time allowing them to hear opposing viewpoints argued just as passionately.”

Nils Clarke, Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly

The schedule for this year’s Youth Parliament coincides with the 2019 Spring Sitting, giving participants the opportunity to observe the Legislative Assembly in action as well as to watch Oral Question Period and Orders of the Day. There will also be presentations and discussions with other actors in the political process, including the media and the Commissioner of Yukon.

To replicate the Westminster model of parliament followed in Yukon, participants will be organized into political party caucuses. The political parties will be fictitious creations for the purposes of the simulation, but students will learn how real caucuses operate.

“The Youth Parliament will be a hands-on experience that will give participants valuable insights into our democratic and legislative processes,” added Speaker Clarke.

The Youth Parliament session will occur on Friday April 12th starting at 10:30 am. and will be filmed for broadcast on community television channels and over the Legislative Assembly’s radio station. A schedule for the whole event is attached to this release.

The session will run using a similar order to motion day in the House and will include an Oral Question Period and debate on two motions. Members of the media have also been invited to assist with a mock media scrum. Anyone wishing to observe the proceedings, including school groups, are welcome to watch from the public galleries.

For more information, please contact the Legislative Assembly Office.

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YUKON YOUTH PARLIAMENT 2019

APRIL 10-12, 2019



PROGRAM FOR YOUTH PARLIAMENTARIANS

NOTE

Before the official opening of the 2019 Yukon Youth Parliament, each participant will be expected to complete the following tasks:

- Prepare a Member's Statement on a matter of their choosing (no longer than 2 minutes in length)
- Submit their response to the motion survey (this will determine which motions will be debated during the Youth Parliament)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

Dress code: Casual (business casual suggested)

During day	Arrival of participants from outside of Whitehorse	
3:00 p.m.	Hotel Check In	
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception Best Western Gold Rush Inn Town Hall 411 Main St.	Welcome from the Speaker Dinner served Meet and greet for participants and mentors Break out into caucus groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose party leader• Choose ministers/critics and house leader• Outline party platform

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

Dress code: Casual (business casual suggested)

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Commissioner's Office, Swearing-In Ceremony and Presentation Taylor House 412 Main St.	Tour of Taylor House Youth Parliamentarian Swearing-In Presentation on the role of the Commissioner followed by question and answer session
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Walk to Legislative Assembly Main Administration Building 2071 Second Ave	

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 - CONTINUED

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Health break Members' Lounge	Refreshments served
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Tour of the Legislative Assembly	Basic orientation to the building, the Chamber, Legislative Assembly Office and caucus offices Overview of the Youth Parliament program
12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Lunch Bridges Cafeteria	Caucuses may wish to spend some time over lunch to discuss strategy
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Sitting of the Legislative Assembly Public Gallery	Observe the Daily Routine, including Question Period, and part of Orders of the Day
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Health Break Members' Lounge	Refreshments served
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Caucus Meetings Committee Meeting Room, NDP Board Room, Speaker's Office	Plan next day's proceedings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions, tabling, notices• Question Period questions• Speaking order
After 5:00 p.m.	Free Evening	Refreshments served in meeting rooms Participants may wish to use this individual time to prepare their speeches for the following day

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019

Dress code: Business wear required

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Presentation: What it is like to be an MLA – panel discussion Chamber	Guest Speakers: Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee, Government House Leader Scott Kent, Official Opposition House Leader Kate White, Third Party House Leader
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Group Photo Chamber	
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Health break Members' Lounge	Refreshments served

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10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Youth Parliament House Proceedings Chamber	Speaker's Procession Prayers Opening – Speech from the Throne Daily Routine (including Members' Statements and Question Period)
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Bridges Cafeteria	
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Mock Media Scrum Discussion on role of media Media Room (in former Whitehorse Library)	Questions and answers with members of the press gallery
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Youth Parliament House Proceedings Chamber	Debate on Motion No. 1 Secondary school physical activity Debate on Motion No. 2: Funding for trades training and academic post- secondary studies Closing
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Closing Reception Members' Lounge	Presentation of certificates Refreshments served

Departure of participants from outside of Whitehorse in the evening or Saturday, April 13.