

Premier's Youth Council

Activity Plan

2020 - 2023



MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS

As Co-Chairs of the Premier's Youth Council, and in accordance with the requirements of the **Transparency and Accountability Act**, we hereby submit our Council's Activity Plan for April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023.

In December 2019, 21 new passionate youth members were appointed to the Council, joining four other members who will serve out their second terms on the Council in 2020. Our membership comes from throughout the province, reflecting Newfoundland and Labrador in its regional, cultural and demographic diversity. This experience and perspective greatly enriches our discussions and deliberations as we pursue our mandate as an advice-giving body.

This Activity Plan provides an overview of the work the Council will undertake during the next three years to fulfil our mandate of providing advice to the Premier and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on select topics of importance. Members of the Council are responsible for the preparation of this Activity Plan and are accountable for the achievement of its objective.

Together, we look forward to working with the Public Engagement and Planning Division of the Communications and Public Engagement Branch, other departments and agencies, and other provincial stakeholders to bring forth perspectives and viewpoints of young people for the Provincial Government's consideration.

Sincerely,



Katherine Dibbon, Co-Chair



Nicholas Hillier, Co-Chair

On behalf of the members of the Premier's Youth Council

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Overview

In 2017, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador created the Premier's Youth Council (PYC) to ensure a mechanism for receiving feedback and input from young Newfoundlanders and Labradorians between the ages of 16 and 24 on select topics.

There are currently 25 members:

- Matthew Babb, St. John's
- Billy Barnes, Birchy Head
- Noah Briffett, Pasadena
- Mira Buckle, Corner Brook
- Nathan Canning, Bridgeport
- Michael Coombs, St. Alban's
- Elliot Dicks, Deer Lake
- Katherine Dibbon, St. John's (Co-Chair)
- Jade Downey, Grand Bank
- Julian Edwards, St. John's
- Nicholas Ellis, Winterton
- Leann Goodyear, Lumsden
- Chelsea Hicks-Ryan, Pasadena
- Nicholas Hillier, St. John's (Co-Chair)
- Amelia Jones, Forteau
- Emily Laite, Gander
- Ryan McFarlane, Deer Lake
- Kirby Moulant, Musgrave Harbour
- Hailey Noseworthy, Silverdale
- Benjamin Oates, St. John's
- Lesley Pilgrim, St. Anthony
- Mehnaz Tabassum, St. John's
- Katie Wells, Happy Valley – Goose Bay
- Emma Whelan, Paradise
- Julia White, St. John's

As of the tabling of this Activity Plan, all members listed remain active and engaged in the Council. Members receive no remuneration for their service. To fulfill its mandate, the Council relies on administrative, strategic, and financial support from the Public Engagement and Planning Division of the Communications and Public Engagement Branch of Executive Council, as part of that entity's mandate to support Government's engagement activities.

In March 2020, Public Health measures were put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the PYC suspended all in-person activities in accordance with Public Health recommendations. The PYC will continue to ensure adherence to future Public Health requirements and guidance.

Mandate

The mandate of the PYC is to provide advice to the Premier, bringing a youth perspective to select topics important to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Vision

The PYC has a vision of a dynamic, forward-looking, inclusive and innovative province where there is an abundance of opportunities for young people to contribute to their communities and the prosperity of the province. This vision includes a society where the opinions of youth are equal in value to the opinions of others and where the inclusion of youth voices in public policy processes is normal.

Values

- Inclusiveness** Appreciating all viewpoints and recognizing that diversity is crucial to the advancement of Newfoundland and Labrador.

- Respect** Allowing others to express their views openly and honestly without fear of conflict or alienation and discussing differences of opinion while maintaining the dignity of all.

- Collaboration** Understanding that multiple persons or groups acting together is the best way to address complex issues and that partnerships and cooperation are strengths that lead to better outcomes.

- Innovation** Being open to, and actively seeking, novel ideas and creative approaches to problem solving.

- Commitment** Recognizing that in order to ensure effective representation of youth voices, active participation is required from Council members.

Issue

Provide advice to the Premier and Government departments and agencies on issues that are of interest and importance to the Provincial Government.

Annual Objective 2020-2023

By March 31, 2021, March 31, 2022, and March 31, 2023, the PYC will provide advice, in writing or in-person, to the Premier and/or departments and agencies on issues of importance identified by the Provincial Government.

Indicators

- Number and nature of meetings held to discuss and deliberate – these meetings may include PYC members and/or representatives from Government or external stakeholders identified by Government.
- Research and other preparatory work carried out to facilitate meetings and the formulation of advice – this may include such things as attending relevant workshops, forums or training, as well as consultations with stakeholders.
- Advice – in-person or in writing, provided to the Provincial Government.
- Progress as reported by the PYC in its Annual Reports.

