

Premier's Youth Council

Annual Report

April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019



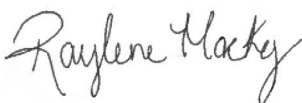
Message from Council Co-Chairs

As co-chairs of the Premier's Youth Council, and in accordance with the requirements of the **Transparency and Accountability Act**, we hereby submit the 2018-19 Annual Report of the Premier's Youth Council. This report was prepared in accordance with the provisions set out in the **Transparency and Accountability Act** for a category three entity. This report covers the period April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 and compares actual results to those anticipated in the first year of the Council's 2018-20 Activity Plan.

During the 2018-19 fiscal year, the Premier's Youth Council provided advice to the Provincial Government through a variety of channels, including in-person and virtual meetings as well as online questionnaires through engageNL. Advice was provided on a wide range of topics outlined in this report.

The members of the Premier's Youth Council are responsible for the preparation of this annual report and are accountable for the actual results reported herein. Together, we look forward to working with the Public Engagement Division of the Communications and Public Engagement Branch, and other departments and agencies, to bring forth perspectives and viewpoints of young people for the Provincial Government's consideration.

Sincerely,



Raylene Mackey, Co-chair



Mark Murdoch, Co-chair

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

Introduction and Overview

The Premier's Youth Council (PYC) was created in 2017 and is responsible for providing advice to the Premier and Provincial Government by bringing a youth perspective to public policy topics of importance.

Mandate

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

Membership

The PYC is mandated to have up to 25 members who are between the ages of 16 and 24 years at the time of appointment and normally reside in the province for at least nine months of the year. Terms are for one-year with the possibility of reappointment for an additional year.

In September 2018, the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Honourable Dwight Ball, reappointed 19 eligible members with a new expiry date of August 31, 2019. In October 2018, Premier Ball announced the appointment of five additional members following a merit-based appointment process led by the Public Service Commission. As of March 31, 2019 current members are as follows:

Billy Barnes	Birchy Head	Mark Murdoch	Deer Lake (co-chair)
Erin Ball	Botwood	Adam Murphy	St. John's
Shaelynn Barry	Corner Brook	Bennett Newhook	St. John's
McAuley Bellows	Irishtown-Summerside	Hailey Noseworthy	Silverdale
Lauren Carter	Harbour Breton	Patrick Pearson	Dunville
Kaylie Chaulk	Musgrave Harbour	Laura Peckford	Lewisporte
Riley Farrell	Little Bay	Olivia Perry	York Harbour
Nicholas Hillier	St. John's	Daniel Stark	Deer Lake
Frances Leonard	Happy Valley-Goose Bay	Radhika Verma	Stephenville
Melanie Lundrigan	Burin	Katie Wells	Happy Valley-Goose Bay
Raylene Mackey	St. John's (co-chair)	William White	Grand Falls-Windsor
Haley Moriarity	Conception Bay South	Sarah Winsor	St. John's

The PYC has met on several occasions, including an in-person meeting in January 2019 with Premier Ball and various Cabinet Ministers, to discuss important issues such as food self-sufficiency, youth employment, accessibility, violence prevention and youth mental health and addictions.

Members of the PYC receive no remuneration for their service. To fulfill its mandate, the Council relies on administrative, strategic and financial support from the Public Engagement Division of the Communications and Public Engagement Branch of Executive Council, as part of that entity's mandate to support Government's engagement activities, including those carried out with the province's community and youth sectors.

The following outlines a summary of expenditures for the Premier's Youth Council:



Highlights and Partnerships

The PYC achieves its mandate in partnership with the Public Engagement Division of the Communications and Public Engagement Branch of Executive Council. The PYC also partners with other Government departments and agencies to support the evidence-based decision making process by providing a meaningful and diverse youth perspective to issues of importance to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

During this year's in-person meeting, the PYC met with Premier Ball, ministers and departmental officials for a full day roundtable meeting that covered five different topics: food self-sufficiency, youth entrepreneurship, accessibility for persons living with disabilities, violence prevention and youth mental health and addictions. The opening remarks of the meeting were live streamed on the Provincial Government's social media. Officials from digital, television and print media were invited to attend the opening and

closing remarks, as well as conduct a media scrum with Premier Ball and the PYC Co-Chairs. In addition, two students from College of the North Atlantic's journalism program were invited to attend not only the opening and closing remarks but they were also present for the full day's discussion as an experiential learning opportunity. In anticipation of the media presence at the meeting, the Co-Chairs were offered media training through the Provincial Government's Center for Learning and Development.

Members of the PYC take their advice-giving role very seriously and their work is an important part of the Provincial Government's ongoing conversation with young Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. Young people are vital stakeholders in matters of provincial policy and their involvement in local, community and provincial life is essential to any vision of growth and prosperity for Newfoundland and Labrador.

Report on Performance

The PYC's 2018-20 Activity Plan identified providing advice to the Premier and the Provincial Government on select issues of interest as a key area of focus for the Council. It also included performance measurement information to assist both the Council and the public in monitoring and evaluating progress in meeting these objectives.

Issue 1: Provide advice to the Premier and the Provincial Government on select issues of interest.

With support from the Public Engagement Division, the Premier's Youth Council will respond to requests for advice on issues that are of interest and importance to the Provincial Government. The Premier's Youth Council will meet in-person and virtually, as required, to research, discuss and formulate advice on issues that will be identified according to Government's strategic policy and engagement agendas.

The following objective and indicators apply to both the 2018-19 and 2019-20 fiscal years.

Objective: By March 31, 2019, the Premier's Youth Council will have provided advice, in writing or in-person, to the Premier and/or departments and agencies on issues of importance identified by the Provincial Government.

Indicator: Number and nature of meetings held to discuss and deliberate.

Result: During the 2018-19 fiscal year, the PYC conducted one, two-day, in-person meeting, six virtual meetings and a number of online questionnaires using the engageNL platform. During these meetings, various topics of importance, outlined below, were discussed.

Indicator: Research and other preparatory work carried out to facilitate meetings and the formulation of advice.

Result: The PYC was provided with advanced notice of the issues discussed at the January 2019 in-person meeting as well as a package of briefing material on each issue so that they could be well-informed prior to meeting with Premier Ball and various Cabinet Ministers. Council members were also provided with an opportunity to meet with officials from the Public Engagement Division to ask any questions they may had after reviewing this material.

Indicator: Advice, in-person or in writing, provided to the Provincial Government.

Result: During the 2018-19 fiscal year, the PYC provided advice to the Provincial Government during both their in-person and virtual meetings as well as through the completion of various questionnaires using the engageNL platform. Topics include:

- Cultural Plan,
- Women in Leadership,
- Food Self-Sufficiency,
- Youth Employment and Small Business,
- Accessibility for Persons Living with Disabilities,
- Violence Prevention,
- Youth Mental Health and Addictions,
- Social Media,
- Plastic Bag Ban, and
- Labour Market Information.

