

# Environment and Climate Change

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### *Youth Advisory Council (YAC)*

#### **Mandate and Responsibilities:**

The Youth Advisory Council (the Council) is a subcommittee of the Expert Advisory Council, which is established under The Climate and Green Plan Act (the Act). The Council will provide advice and recommendations to the Expert Advisory Council regarding issues and initiatives to help inform implementation of the Climate and Green Plan, including but not limited to addressing climate change.

#### **Authority:** [The Climate and Green Plan Implementation Act](#)

Established under The Climate and Green Plan Act. Section 7(2) of the Act stipulates the council may establish subcommittees to perform specific duties or functions. Section 7(3) of the Act stipulates that the Expert Advisory Council may establish its own rules of procedure, including rules of procedure for its subcommittees.

#### **Membership:**

The Council shall consist of up to eleven members, including the chair and vice chair. A quorum of 6 must be present in order that business can be transacted.

Council members must:

- Be Manitoba residents
- Be between the ages of 16 and 28
- Represent the diversity of Manitoba and Manitobans
- Demonstrate knowledge about issues and initiatives of climate change and the environment
- Demonstrate previous engagement and interest in environmental and/or civil society issues, including but not limited to work history and volunteerism
- Demonstrate an ability to engage and learn in respectful, open discussion and be accepting of differing viewpoints
- Not be employed by the Government of Manitoba

#### **Length of Terms:**

Staggered terms are implemented as a part of good governance as well as ensuring that no more than half of the membership turns over at a time. Practice is to implement two-year terms with no member serving consecutively for more than three years.

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#### **Desirable Expertise:**

Experience, knowledge, and interest in the fields of environment, climate change and green economy.

Members must:

- Must have access to internet and the ability to communicate effectively by electronic means;
- Must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended non-judgmental language;
- Have active listening skills;
- Be able to read and interpret policies/legislation and how it applies to the case;
- Use plain language;
- Adhere to a high degree of confidentiality; and
- Have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner.

#### **Meetings:**

Frequency: Approximately six (6) to eight (8) times per year.

Location: Meetings may be held throughout the province with a majority taking place in Winnipeg. Meetings may be a combination of hybrid or virtual.

Duration: 1.5-3.5 Hours.

#### **Remuneration:**

Members shall be paid reasonable travelling and other out-of-pocket expenses, not to exceed guidelines set out in the General Manual of Administration, which are incurred in discharging duties in connection with the Council.

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