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Re: 80th British Columbia Youth Parliament

I am pleased to report that the 80th British Columbia Youth Parliament's Parliamentary Session from December 27-31 was a great success.

You will recall that BCYP brings 95 youth ages 16-21 from throughout BC to Victoria in December each year. During five days in the Parliament Buildings members learned about the parliamentary process, debated topical issues and planned community service projects for the year ahead.

We appreciate your assistance in promoting this opportunity in September and October 2008 and helping us to identify potential members. Without you, would we not be able to reach as many potential members as we did. Last year we received 111 applications for 95 positions. Thank you for helping us!

Our members in 2008 included 61 young women and 30 young men. The geographic representation was as follows:

Cariboo and North - 10
Thompson-Okanagan - 9
Columbia-Kootenay - 6
Fraser Valley - 14
Lower Mainland - 42
Vancouver Island - 10

This year, we hope to increase our membership outside the Lower Mainland.

Transportation from the member's home to Victoria is included in the registration fee which last year was \$200. The sponsoring organization, Youth Parliament of BC Alumni Society, is working to reduce this fee for members through partnerships with and grants from other organizations. Last year the Coast Capital Savings Foundation, Pacific Coach Lines and the Victoria Foundation made this registration fee possible.

We expect that regardless of the amount of the registration fee, potential members may need financial assistance from a community group such as schools, service clubs, businesses or local community foundations. Attached please find a letter of introduction which may assist applicants in applying for this funding, as well template letters to which applicants may choose to add more information of their own and use. We are including these now as we know that some potential applicants are now starting to raise funds for this opportunity. These letters are also available online, along with the member application form, at www.bcyp.org/session.

Thank you for your help in promoting the BC Youth Parliament. Please contact me if you have any questions about BCYP at registrar@bcyp.org or 604-728-0446.

Yours truly,

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