

**FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE  
PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT IN CANADA**  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

For almost 10 years, the Governor General has been the honorary Patron of Forum and we are very honored



THE GOVERNOR GENERAL · LE GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL



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As you know, learning and education are both areas on which I place enormous value. As such, it gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the members and partners of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada.

Since its creation nearly 40 years ago, the Foundation has provided inspiring and enriching programs for students from all across Canada. Various initiatives, including the Forum for Young Canadians, allow participants to learn more about governance, democracy and citizenship. Young people are also given the opportunity to meet with influential figures in Canadian public life, to have their voices heard and to forge friendships with their peers.

I believe that the Foundation shapes the leaders of tomorrow and, as a result, is helping to build a smarter, more caring nation. I would like to thank and congratulate all those who support its mission.



David Johnston

November 2014

## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF CANADIAN HERITAGE AND OFFICIAL LANGUAGES



### Year after year, Forum is grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the fabric of Canadian history

On the road to Canada's 150th birthday in 2017, our Government is committed to helping young people discover our country's institutions and heritage. Our youth programs aim to foster a sense of Canadian identity and attachment to Canada. This is why we are pleased to support the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada.

The Foundation's Forum for Young Canadians gives youth the chance to learn about Canada's politics and public affairs and experience how Par-

liament works. The Forum provides students from across the country with an invaluable life experience and prepares them to take part in the life of their community.

On behalf of Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Government of Canada, I would like to thank the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada and all those who make it possible for young Canadians to participate in the Forum.

The Honourable / L'honorable Shelly Glover

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



### From participant to Chair, the Forum Family stays strong

As each year comes to an end, our Annual General Meeting allows us to reflect on Forum over the past year. As I sit back and reflect on our 2013-2014 classes I am reminded that FORUM does not only take place here in Ottawa but that it is an experience that unfolds over the course of an entire year. This approach to our programming allows us to watch in admiration and pride as the students from across the country come during their week long session to share their experiences, their ideas and their aspirations as future leaders of Canada.

The core elements of this nine month program speak to citizenship and youth engagement. The incremental reward for all of us involved is leadership development, communication skills networking and the foundation to having strong interpersonal skills.

Our students from across the country speak of FORUM as a unique opportunity to be amongst fellow Canadians who share similar views and have an opinion, a “voice”. They tell us that the program at FORUM gives them an opportunity to think of Canada’s future and take an active part in it. It also equips them with the necessary tools and fundamental skillset to make it happen!

Each year I have the honour to address the students upon their arrival to the capital region and also during the MP dinner. Every year I share with them “my” story of how the FORUM experience contributed so much to where I am today. I can still remember the night before the final dinner where I was asked to represent the students and share my observations of the program. It was my first public speech and it was a great practice. FORUM opened my eyes to Canada and ignited a passion for this country that I had within me. This passion is carried through each day in my role at Canada’s export credit agency, Export Development Canada.

On behalf of our national Board of Directors our sincerest thanks to his Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnson, the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official languages and her staff at Exchanges Canada as well as The Honourable Noël A. Kinsella, Speaker of the Senate and the Honourable Andrew Scheer, M.P. Speaker of the House of Commons for their support and dedication to Canada’s youth. We extend our gratitude to Anne-Marie Robinson, President of the Public Service Commission of Canada and her team of dedicated volunteers who play such an essential role in making Forum what it is.

**Justine Hendricks, Chair**

# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## The program has stood the test of time

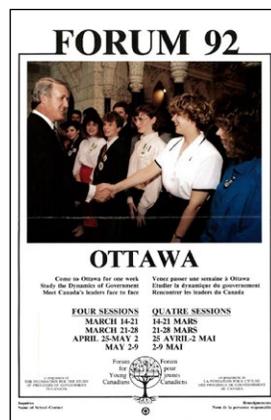
The 2013-2014 year was one of growth here at Forum. The Forum program has always been more than the week at Forum and this year we added more activities to the 3 months before Forum and the 6 months after in which youth can choose to share their voice.

Before arriving in Ottawa youth are asked to find out how decisions are made in their communities, and provinces. They are also asked to network with their peers in order to represent the priorities of youth in their area at the “Youth Priorities” conference during the week at Forum. This also prepares students for the MP Dinner and the chance to discuss with their MPs not only their priorities and the priorities of youth from their area but also the priorities of youth from across Canada.

Following Forum, participants are supported in sharing what they have learned with their peers, schools and communities. Additionally, participants have the opportunity to continue their learning experience through activities such as the recent teleconferences that were held with a speaker on aboriginal issues and a former Usher of the black Rod. Youth who participate in post-forum learning opportunities receive certificates of participation for their portfolios. For the coming year we will be bringing more opportunities for youth to participate in pre- and post-Forum activities with identified learning objectives and outcomes, highlighting core competency development.

On behalf of the entire Forum team, our thanks for all the wonderful support we receive from our stakeholders.

Cathleen Cogan Bird, Executive Director



## HONOURARY CHAIRS

We are honoured and grateful for the opportunity to walk the walls of the Parliament building as so many have before.



The Honourable Andrew Scheer, MP  
Speaker of the House of Commons



The Honourable Noël A. Kinsella, Senator  
Speaker of the Senate



## OUR HISTORY

### As we get ready to celebrate 40 years, we reflect on where it all began

#### Mission

The **Foundation** goal is to foster and promote an understanding among young Canadians of the role and function of Canada's three levels of democratic government, while promoting awareness of the meaning of Canadian citizenship.

#### History

**1975** — Some idealistic educators had a great idea: to create a bilingual, non-partisan youth education program to promote understanding of the role and function of our national government and the meaning of Canadian citizenship. The idea would be to have today's young leaders interact with the nation's leaders on Parliament Hill. **The Foundation for the Study of the Processes of Government** was incorporated and its first program, the Forum for Young Canadians, was launched.

**1976** — The first **Forum for Young Canadians** ("Forum") was run in March at Ashbury College, with 100 high school students (aged 15-19 years) from all over the country in attendance. Three more week-long sessions would take place that year.

**1985** — The Foundation created the **Forum Teachers' Conference** which offered teachers the same week of intense activity on Parliament Hill and other national facilities as the Forum students, making it one of the best professional development conferences in the country on learning the processes of government.

**2000** — The Foundation created its first international program for students and teachers from eleven countries around the world who had attended, along with the Canadian team, the "World Parliament of Children" in Paris in 1999. Together, they attended Forum and presented the World Parliament of Children's "Youth Manifesto of the 21st Century" to the Parliament of Canada.

**2001** — The Foundation created the **Canada-U.S. Youth Forum** in partnership with the University of Ottawa. This program, for which participants can receive academic credit, was developed along the lines of Forum's educational "hands-on" approach,

but with more emphasis on issues relevant to the bilateral relationship between Canada and the United States. The program brings together primarily university-aged students from both countries for a one-week forum.

**2003** — The Foundation partnered with the **Institute for Cultural Diplomacy** in Berlin to launch the **Canadian-German Young Leaders Forum**. This program, which the Foundation ran jointly with the ICD until 2006, gave young business, government and academic leaders from both countries (aged 28-38) a practical understanding not only of the processes of government at an international level but also of the international community in which governments operate.

**Today** — The Foundation began with the simple formula of bringing together interested and engaged youth from across the country to participate in a constructive and educational exploration of their national institutions. Our experience has shown that it was a formula for success.

The participants in the programs of the Foundation, who now number more than 16,000, reap a tremendous reward. They benefit greatly from the educational aspect of the programs, which is the original objective of the Foundation. They become better informed, more involved citizens, which in turn serves the public good across Canada.

Participants also have the important experience of meeting their peers from other parts of Canada. For many, their attendance at a Foundation program is their first such experience and it brings with it an important awareness of themselves and each other. What's more, they become a part of a broader network that extends across Canada.

## OUR PARTICIPANTS

With every participant that does the program, our history is richer



*« Forum m'en a beaucoup appris sur moi-même et sur les autres canadiens. C'est une expérience que tous les jeunes devraient vivre »*

*– Delphine, Quebec*

*“I had the time of my life, the program went above and beyond my expectations. Definitely recommending to others”*

*– Nadia, Ontario*



*“Forum allowed me to flourish as a young Canadian. The challenging, yet academically rewarding experience allowed me to grow as a Canadian and member of my community, I'm motivated. Lastly I have made long lasting friendships I will always keep close to my heart! Forum is a once in a life time experience. I will truly cherish it!”*

*– Dilgot, British Columbia*

"It was an event of a lifetime that will have forever changed me. It introduced me to so many doors that are open and showed me how to open those that are closed"

— Stephanie, Yukon



"The Forum for Young Canadians is the most prestigious opportunity to learn all about Canadian government. But the most profound thing from this program is that you learn about yourself"

— Samir, British Columbia



"If a program can change your aspect on life in a matter of days, that just shows what knowledge, communication and youth power can do"

— Kazina, Ontario





*"Forum was the best week of my life. I learned public speaking skills, strengthened my negotiation abilities and met lifelong friendships."*

*— Erin, Nova Scotia*

*"Forum was all in all an amazing experience. It was one of the best decisions I have made. One experience, priceless moments and many friends for a week, others for life. It has by far, broadened my views on politics, inspired me and provided me with more hunger and ambition for success. Unforgettable!"*

*— Jona, Ontario*



*"Being an immigrant/refugee in Canada, this experience opened my eyes on how open and willing our government is, especially in regards to speaking/ reaching the youth. I loved it, it made me feel like my dreams of being at Parliament Hill are not only valid but achievable."*

*— Abigail, Manitoba*



## OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2013-2014

And because of the voice of every participant, our program is stronger



Canada in the world negotiations – for a second year, Forum’s participants had the privilege of spending a day at the ... Not only did they have the opportunity to simulate word trading but they also welcomed speakers to address the students.



Traditional Dance by Dean Daniels – The first session welcomed a First Nation traditional dancer from Saskatchewan who wowed the audience (including the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, the Honourable, Bernard Valcourt) with his dance as the MP Dinner opener.



Once again this year, students were excited for the MP Dinner. With over 20 MPs at each of them, The MP Dinners were successful. Here is a picture of Albertan participants receiving recognition from the Honourable Michelle Rempel and Member of Parliament Brian Storseth.

# OUR SPONSORS

The support and dedication of our sponsors make Forum possible

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## Visionary



## Advocate



## Partner



## Enthusiast



## Contributor



## Partner



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### And the help of our supporters

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James Ross Hurley	David Warner
Nicholas Hurley	Bob Wiens
Elaine Isabelle	



### Our thanks

For a second year, Forum was grateful to have the joint support of Dairy Farmers of Canada and Egg Farmers of Canada as the Visionary Sponsor. In addition to financial support, these organizations went out of their way to not only contribute to the content of the forum week and deliver a session, but also to bring young farmers to present and inspire at the MP Dinners. Pictured: Lyne Robichaud and Avaleigh Schouten presenting their session.

## OUR MEMBERS

### Members 2013-2014

Val Amigo	Kenneth Gunn	Fredrick Martin (H.M)
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Steve Drover	Jean-Pierre Lagueux	Ned Rhodes (H.M)
Mark Fiselier	Christian Lagueux	Catie Sahadath
Avis Fitton	Kenneth Lavery (H.M)	Graham Scott
Mike Flintoff	Gary LeGresley	Narman Southward
Alistair Fraser (H.M)	Derek Lester (H.M)	Chuck Tolley
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Tony German (H.M)	Nicholas MacDonald	Lana Legostaeva
Roger Guindon (H.M)	John MacLean	Ann Jones

## OUR VOLUNTEERS

Forum is driven by its volunteers, whose passion we are very grateful for.



*Since the beginning, Forum has been surrounded by amazing teams of volunteers who ensure the students successfully complete Forum.*

*During the entire week, Group Leaders and Logistics Assistants stay at the hotel and help support and encourage both the students and the Forum staff. Some come back year after year in support of a program they believe in.*



## OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Introducing the Board of Directors of the Foundation, without them, the program would not be what it is today, our thanks for their involvement, engagement and for believing in the program.

### BOARD MEMBERS

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# SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Trustees of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada

The accompanying summary financial statements of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at July 31, 2014, the summary statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, of Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada as at July 31, 2014 and for the year then ended.

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated October 31, 2014.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the basis described in note 1.

### *Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada as at July 31, 2014 and for the year then ended are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with the basis described in Note 1.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KPMG LLP'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a horizontal line that starts under the 'K' and ends under the 'P'.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

October 31, 2014

Ottawa, Canada

# FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT IN CANADA

Summary Statement of Financial Position

July 31, 2014, with comparative information for 2013

	2014	2013
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 45,959	\$ 24,746
Short-term investments	78,754	76,746
Accounts receivable	171,566	310,441
	<u>296,279</u>	<u>411,933</u>
Long-term investments	14,130	14,130
Tangible capital and intangible assets	29,260	28,582
	<u>\$ 339,669</u>	<u>\$ 454,645</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 38,361	\$ 152,141
Deferred revenue	10	10
	<u>38,371</u>	<u>152,151</u>
Net assets:		
Invested in tangible capital and intangible assets	29,260	28,582
Unrestricted	272,038	273,912
	<u>301,298</u>	<u>302,494</u>
	<u>\$ 339,669</u>	<u>\$ 454,645</u>

See accompanying notes to summary financial statements.

# FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT IN CANADA

## Summary Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended July 31, 2014, with comparative information for 2013

	2014	2013
Revenue:		
Programs	\$ 698,256	\$ 681,218
Donations and contributions (including donations of goods and services of \$109,743 (2013 - \$109,866))	350,027	376,933
Investment	1,683	1,662
	<u>1,049,966</u>	<u>1,059,813</u>
Expenses:		
Program services	573,572	524,612
Office	132,814	140,382
Operations	344,776	334,288
	<u>1,051,162</u>	<u>999,282</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(1,196)	60,531
Net assets, beginning of year	302,494	241,963
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 301,298</u>	<u>\$ 302,494</u>

See accompanying notes to summary financial statements.

# FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT IN CANADA

Notes to Summary Financial Statements

Year ended July 31, 2014

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Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada (the “Foundation”) is a Canadian registered charity founded in 1975 and incorporated without share capital under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act. Its principal activity is the Forum for Young Canadians program whose objective is to give young Canadians the opportunity to gain a clear understanding of the processes of government in Canada with particular emphasis on the machinery of government in the federal capital.

## 1. Summary financial statements:

The summary financial statements are derived from the complete audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, as at July 31, 2014 and for the year then ended.

The preparation of these summary financial statements requires management to determine the information that needs to be reflected in the summary financial statements so that they are consistent, in all material respects, with or represent a fair summary of the audited financial statements.

These summarized financial statements have been prepared by management using the following criteria:

- (a) whether information in the summarized financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete audited financial statements; and
- (b) whether, in all material respects, the summarized financial statements contain the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the related complete audited financial statements, including the notes thereto.

Management determined that the statement of changes in net assets and the statement of cash flows do not provide additional useful information and as such has not included them as part of the summary financial statements.

The complete audited financial statements of Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada are available upon request by contacting the Foundation.

## 2. Economic dependence:

The Foundation receives a substantial portion of its operating funds from the Government of Canada and is economically dependent on its continuing support of the Foundation's mission.