



**FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE
PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT IN CANADA**
ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS 1975-2015

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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

As we celebrate The Foundation's 40th anniversary we would like to thank the Governor General for being our Honorary Patron.



THE GOVERNOR GENERAL - LE GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL



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I am delighted to serve as honorary patron of the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada.

Young people are the leaders of tomorrow. Their innovative ideas, potential and enthusiasm are reflected year after year at the Forum for Young Canadians. This dynamic approach to learning develops informed citizens; it allows youth from across Canada to exchange ideas and enrich their knowledge by actively taking part in the processes of government. A healthy, vibrant democracy depends on interested and engaged citizens like them. As George Bernard Shaw so beautifully wrote: "Some people see things as they are and wonder 'Why?' We dream of things that ought to be and ask, 'Why not?'"

I would like to thank all those who support the Foundation's mission and who are helping to build a smarter, more caring nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Johnston".

David Johnston

2015

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Celebrating our history as we forge the future

This year was a very special one for FORUM as we embark on our 40th anniversary. Over the past 40 years FORUM participants have “made history” in so many ways and connected with so many Canadians that have helped shape Canada. Leaders including John Diefenbaker, Pierre Trudeau, Brian Mulroney and Jean Chretien are just a few who connected with Forum students to exchange ideas with them, challenge their thinking and share their stories on how they focused their energy towards making Canada the great country it is today.

The impact of these connections is tenfold: many of our alumni have followed in the paths of our previous leaders and dedicated their careers to our parliamentary system, within the public service and within their own community. The learning’s from our program teaches young Canadians what makes Canada “work”. It also teaches them about themselves and how they can make a difference and help shape their community.

As I look to the theme of Canada’s upcoming 150th anniversary: strong, proud, free, these three words depict a country that is known for its leadership within its borders as well as all around the world. As I reflect on the past 40 years where FORUM has brought young Canadians from coast to coast it has in its own way helped these individuals connect with our parliament and challenge them to “be a voice”. We have been encouraging them to become leaders

in their own way: within their community, at school, at work in whichever capacity they desire and that is what has over 148 years helped shaped the Canada that we have all grown so proud to be part of.

2014-2015 has not been without its challenges as our recruiting efforts to reach as many Canadians from across the country continue while the multitude of choices in youth programming continues to grow and the pace of change around them is also in constant movement. For a program such as FORUM to thrive for the past 40 years is something to be proud of. We must also challenge ourselves to continue to grow alongside young Canadians and demonstrate the ability we have to adapt as their environment changes around them – this is what will allow Forum to remain relevant for many more years to come.

On behalf of our national Board of Directors our sincerest thanks to his Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnson and the Honourable Shelly Glover, the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, for their support. We also thank the Speakers of the House of Commons and the Senate, the Honourable Andrew Scheer, Noel A. Kinsella, Pierre-Claude Nolin and Leo Housakos. Forum is also grateful to our sponsors who support us, thanks to Exchanges Canada, Elections Canada, the Egg Farmers of Canada, Bombardier and all our other sponsors and partners.

Justine Hendricks, Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE FORUM TEAM



Celebrating the Foundation's 40th anniversary

2014-2015 has been a year of changes and a year of challenges. As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Foundation, we are proud to embrace our new logo and updated brand which reflects the history of the organization and the premier experience of the program today.

Our wish is to continue to offer this exceptional program to all Canadian youth who are eager to learn about the processes of government in Canada and become leaders in their communities.

Forum is often referred to as a big 'family' and this year our family continued to grow and connect in the spirit of friendship and our passion for the program. The Forum team would like to thank all of our members, friends, alumni, volunteers, partners and sponsors for their continued support of the Forum for Young Canadians program.

Thank you for your time, energy and commitment to the Foundation making it a success year after year.



HONOURARY CHAIRS

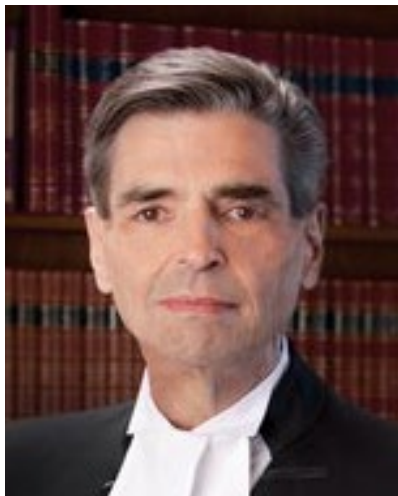
We are honored and grateful for the opportunity to walk the halls of Parliament.



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



The Honourable Noël A. Kinsella
42nd Speaker of the Senate



In memory of the Honourable
Pierre-Claude Nolin, 43rd Speaker
of the Senate



The Honourable Leo Housakos,
44th Speaker of the Senate



OUR HISTORY

Celebrating our history and looking back on what we have accomplished.

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.

For 40 years The Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada has devoted itself to fostering leadership skills in young Canadians—to demystify the political process and help youth get their voices heard.

Forum for Young Canadians, the Foundation flagship program, provides youth, ages 14 – 19, with first-hand access to the minds, the procedures and the energy of Parliament Hill. It also creates a community among the like-minded leaders of tomorrow. It's a chance for students to network, to get more comfortable with a second language and to translate the skills they've learned into real community action.

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 in Canada 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 aca-

democratic 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.

2008

The Bylaws of the organization were updated and passed at the Annual General Meeting. A committee structure of five committees was put in place in order to carry out the business of the Foundation.

2009

The Forum for Young Canadians program was enhanced under the guidance of the Programming and Services Committee. Learning objectives and outcomes were identified as well as the key core competencies that youth develop.

2010

The Foundation celebrated 35 years at an event held in November on Parliament Hill. Held in tandem with the first ever Fall session of Forum and the AGM, the occasion provided the opportunity for students, Board Members, and supporters to share their Forum experience. The event was attended by some of the founders of the organization.

2014

A rebranding exercise was put forward to create a new professional image and logo. The logo consists of a shield, a coat of arms that includes Parliament and a maple leaf. It was launched with the new website in fall 2014. The new user friendly website is vibrant to appeal to youth, educators and parents.

2015

The Foundation celebrates its 40th anniversary and looks back at all of its accomplishments and successes as it continues to educate and inspire Canadians' youth.

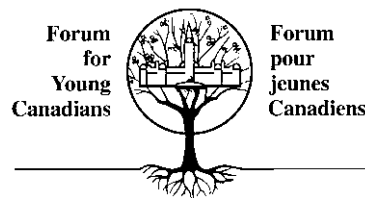
Today

The Foundation's program serve to foster leadership skills in young Canadians. Participants are given opportunities to learn about governance, democracy, and citizenship; they meet with influential figures in Canadian public life, while getting to know other young people with interests similar to their own.

The participants in the programs of the Foundation, who now number more than 30,000, 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.

The Foundation is proud that the Forum for Young Canadians program has become the prestigious program it is today. Our alumni speak highly of their Forum experience and many share how it impacted their career paths in a significant and rewarding way. We look forward to continuing this legacy for future participants.



OUR IMPACT

From Coast to Coast, Forum celebrates 4 generations of leaders

312 student participants, representing a diverse, cross population of Canadian youth, attended Forum in 2015 to learn about their country and gain the tools to make a difference in their community.

While Forum happens in Ottawa, the impact is felt across the nation. We wish this year's students much success as they join our 20,000 + alumni in forming a new generation of leaders.

Congratulations to all Forum alumni! The Foundation is proud to be a part of creating 40 years of national and global impact as you shaped your careers and contributed to civil society.



OUR ACTIVITIES 2014-2015

Sharing once in a lifetime opportunities to 'be a voice'

Egg Farmers of Canada helped to crack-open the week

After a delicious breakfast featuring Canadian eggs, Lyne Robichaud, from the Eggs Farmers of Canada, helped the students understand how supply management works in Canada, and why it benefits all Canadians. We are grateful for the support of the Egg Farmers of Canada as our 2014-2015 Visionary Sponsor.



Bombardier presentation took off

Forum welcomed Pierre Pyun, Vice President for Governmental Affairs for Bombardier, our 2014-2015 Advocate Sponsor. During his presentation, Mr. Pyun brought aviation to life and addressed the politics and sustainability of his company's multiple projects. He reached out to participants and encouraging them to speak up.

The Meeting of a Lifetime

Luke and Jesse from Calgary, Alberta never expected, when registering for Forum, that they would have the chance to meet with the Member of Parliament for their riding, Steven Harper, Canada's Prime Minister. After Question Period Justine Hendricks, Chair of the Foundation, escorted the students to a private meeting in the Prime Minister's Office. On behalf of FFYC, Jesse and Luke presented the Prime Minister with a Forum sweatshirt with the new logo just launched this past year. Thank you Prime Minister Harper for your warm welcome and your time.



Office of the Prime Minister
Cabinet of the Prime Minister



Treaty Commissioner George Lafond, a 1977 Forum alumnus, resonated his slogan "We are all treaty people" by sharing the history and reality of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. He encouraged participants to engage in and become active solution seekers in the upcoming time of reconciliation in Canada

Export Development Canada opens their doors

For the third year in a row, Forum participants had the opportunity to visit the headquarters of Export Development Canada. During the day, participants were invited to participate in an international trade simulation. With the help of the EDC staff, participants play the role of an exporter, foreign buyer or a financial intermediary (EDC).

Treaty Commissioner inspires future leaders

The Treaty Commissioner of Manitoba, Jamie Wilson, inspired the participants and guests during his speech at the MP Dinner. Waneek Horn-Miller, a First Nation Olympian from Québec and bronze medallist at the Pan American games in 1999, also attended the event. Our guests enjoyed the opportunity to meet with 14 students from Split Lake, Manitoba.



A morning in The House of Commons

Forum is privileged to have inside access to the House of Commons. It is a big honor to sit in the same chairs where Canada's top political decisions are made and where Canadian history unfolds. Participants were also addressed by the Speaker of the House of Commons, The Honorable Andrew Scheer, as well as the Clerk and the Pages.



Traditional dance presentation

Forum welcomed back an amazing student from Duck Lake, Saskatchewan. He was happy and honored to have the opportunity to share his heritage by starting off the MP Dinner with a traditional Aboriginal dance. He also closed the dinner with a round dance where everyone held hands and followed the rhythm produced by the other students from his school. MPs, sponsors, participants and all guests were thrilled to join in this unique moment of Forum Magic.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our session speakers, presenters and honoured guests.

OUR PARTICIPANTS

With every participant that completes the program,
our history becomes richer



"This was one of the coolest things I have ever experienced. This trip opened my eyes to so many things and I would recommend this program to all youth."

- Kylie, Saskatchewan

"All of Canada in one place, getting along and having an amazing time while learning about how to be a voice and a leader in your country"

- Audrey-Lise, Québec



"Forum is an eye-opening experience that made me proud to be Canadian"

- Alexandra, Ontario



"Forum for young Canadians was a phenomenal experience. It is a trip I will never forget! I have met so many amazing people and have learned many new things. This is a very educational but extremely fun program and is by far the best trip I have been on."

- Maira, Yukon

"Forum is engaging, captivating and informational. The experience is both, exciting and unforgettable!"

- Jennifer, Nova Scotia



"Forum allowed me to feel more connected to the politics in Canada. The experience was overwhelming and surreal - time flies when you are in such a fun, educational and high energy environment."

- Sunny, British Columbia



"Forum is more than learning about our country, it's sharing your ideas, perspectives and your opinions with students all across Canada"

- Andrew, Alberta

OUR VOLUNTEERS

As we celebrate 40 years, we remember all those who made Forum extra special by giving the gift of time and talent to support our youth!

For 40 years, Forum has welcomed Public Servants who gave time and energy to support youth through their journey at Forum. Not only are they mentors and role models for the youth but they continue to be great ambassadors all across the country.

Forum also wants to recognize the participation of its alumni who take a week off their job or school schedules to give back to Forum. Many thanks to our Logistics Assistants for their energy, drive, smiles and love of Forum.

With your help, we can continue to create a bright future for our country as we have been doing for the past 40 years.



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The support and dedication of our sponsors make Forum possible

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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.

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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, 2015, 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 the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada as at July 31, 2015 and for the year then ended.

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated October 5, 2015.

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, 2015 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' with a horizontal line underneath.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

October 5, 2015

Ottawa, Canada

FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT IN CANADA

Summary Statement of Financial Position

July 31, 2015, with comparative information for 2014

	2015	2014
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ —	\$ 45,959
Short-term investments	80,756	78,754
Accounts receivable	140,706	171,566
	<u>221,462</u>	<u>296,279</u>
Long-term investments	14,130	14,130
Tangible capital and intangible assets	21,721	29,260
	<u>\$ 257,313</u>	<u>\$ 339,669</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Bank indebtedness	\$ 52,250	\$ —
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	51,015	38,361
Deferred revenue	—	10
	<u>103,265</u>	<u>38,371</u>
Net assets:		
Invested in tangible capital and intangible assets	21,721	29,260
Unrestricted	132,327	272,038
	<u>154,048</u>	<u>301,298</u>
	<u>\$ 257,313</u>	<u>\$ 339,669</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, 2015, with comparative information for 2014

	2015	2014
Revenue:		
Programs	\$ 674,021	\$ 698,256
Donations and contributions (including donations of goods and services of \$113,114 (2014 - \$109,743))	335,170	350,027
Investment	1,614	1,683
	<u>1,010,805</u>	<u>1,049,966</u>
Expenses:		
Program services	622,449	573,572
Office	137,291	132,814
Operations	398,315	344,776
	<u>1,158,055</u>	<u>1,051,162</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(147,250)	(1,196)
Net assets, beginning of year	301,298	302,494
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 154,048</u>	<u>\$ 301,298</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, 2015

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. In 2014, the Foundation continued its incorporation under the Canada Not-for-profit 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, 2015 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