Youth in Municipal Politics

ELC Internship with Human Rights Committee of Council

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Who I am

- Recent U of M Grad
- Masters City Planning Candidate
- Municipal Climate Intern



Who is Environmental Leadership Canada?

- Educational Charity
  - Funded by GreenPac
- Municipal & Parliamentary Interns
  - Make connections!
- Conferences





ELC Intern fit into HRCC

Terms of Reference

Access to Government

What has my internship entailed?

- Imbedded in HRCC
- Community Consultations
- Climate Connection
- Bridge Age-Friendly and Climate





Key Takeaways for a Master of City Planning Candidate



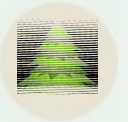
Jurisdictional Boundaries

Gained a deeper understanding of how the Provincial, Municipal, and the Federal government work together



Stakeholder Engagement

Listening and connecting with communities is vital for successful planning



Social Equity & Environment

Bringing climate action to the Human Rights Committee - City Planning is deeply connected to equity and access

Why these Opportunities Matter

- Skill Development
- Long-Term Stakeholders
- Access to Government
- Early Exposure



ELC in Action

Toronto Climate Week Case Study

During Toronto Climate Week, ELC presented to over 50 youth in Toronto regarding how they can make change in government at both the Federal and Municipal levels.



Key Takeaways from Toronto Climate Week



Direct Power

Youth recognized that municipal government is the most easily accessible connection to the levers of power



Willingness to Engage

Young people are eager to show up. They are only held back by understanding of the municipal government system



Accessibility

Providing specific, local directions and connections can allow youth to have their voices heard

Equipping Councillors in Classrooms

As a gift to Winnipeg City Councillors, here is a modified copy of the presentation given at Toronto Climate Week for you to take and share with youth in your ward!

Questions & Discussion

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to Winnipeg's future.

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