



Gurjodh Mahal

Council Member

Term on Council:
2018 - Present

Hometown:
Surrey, BC

Current Community:
Surrey, BC

Inspiration

I have seen first-hand the impact that Coast Capital grants have on local organizations. When I heard about the opportunity to get involved in the Council, I knew that it would be a great platform to use to engage and support the community.

Fun Fact

I love reading novels. I have read the Harry Potter series over 50 times from start to finish!

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I hope to learn more about the different initiatives in our community and create strong relationships with my fellow Council members.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

I am most proud of my role in organizing and volunteering with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program at SFU. This was a great initiative which improved access to volunteer tax services for low-income individuals.

Bio

Gurjodh is a CPA and CFA Candidate with an extensive background of community involvement and leadership. Gurjodh completed his Bachelors of Business Administration at Simon Fraser University in 2018. Working as a staff accountant at KPMG Vancouver, Gurjodh has applied his critical thinking and analytical skills while working on year-end audits and quarterly reviews.

Combining his natural leadership skills with his passion for finance, Gurjodh served as Vice-President and Director of Finance within the SFU Accounting Student Association, where he managed financial records, generated financial statements, and oversaw the executive team. In addition, Gurjodh volunteered as an income and tax preparer for the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, where he helped file income tax and benefit returns for low-income individuals in the local community.

At SFU, Gurjodh served as the Director of Operations for the Beedie Mentorship Program, a peer mentorship program which creates a support network for first-year students. In addition, Gurjodh served on the organizing committee for the ELITE Leadership Conference, a conference which brings high-school aged youth together with like-minded peers in an engaging and supportive environment.



Gurjodh enjoys skiing in his free time.

In 2018, Gurjodh participated in the Ride to Conquer Cancer benefitting the BC Cancer Foundation. The two-day cycling journey spanned 200 kilometers and took place in August from Surrey to Hope, BC. Gurjodh was able to raise over \$3,200 for cancer care and treatment. Gurjodh is looking forward to participating in the 2020 Ride to Conquer Cancer event.