



## Jamie Lloyd Smith

**Council Member**

**Term on Council:**  
2020

**Hometown:**  
West Kelowna, BC

**Current Community:**  
Kelowna, BC

### Inspiration

As someone who grew up in the Okanagan, it is inspiring to see the growth of our community, particularly around social consciousness and the burgeoning cultural and tech industries. It is even more exciting to see young people leading these movements and I am thrilled to support this as a council member.

### Fun Fact

During my first year of college, my roommate and I adopted and kept a pet tarantula that we named Dorothy. Needless to say our dorm mates were not too thrilled about this!

### What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

Youth today are strong champions of a more economically and socially inclusive future. I hope to bring my knowledge of the local needs of young people to this passion. On a personal and professional level, I am grateful for the opportunities I've had and would like to use this to help other young people realize their fullest potential.

### What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

Last year, I decided to prioritize my mental health and better myself, personally and professionally. I set goals, pushed beyond my comfort zone and made sure I practiced gratitude every day. The resulting growth, resiliency and joy have been truly rewarding.

### Bio

Jamie holds a diploma in communication from Capilano University and a BA in political science and cultural studies from UBC Okanagan. She has also completed a certificate in theology.

Currently, Jamie works for A Way Home Kelowna, where she is responsible for the implementation of the Kelowna Youth Homelessness Prevention Strategy, an initiative that supports the city's five-year plan to address homelessness.

When she's not working closely with local youth and program partners as part of her job, you may find Jamie volunteering with the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Kelowna Gospel Mission.



Jamie spending time with her cat, Louie.