



Precious Ile

Council Chair

Term on Council:
2018 - Present

Hometown:
Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Current Community:
Burnaby, BC

Inspiration

I was drawn to Coast Capital's youth-centered leadership approach. As someone who is passionate about youth development and an avid community volunteer, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to apply to be on the Council.

Fun Fact

I weightlifted recreationally with my twin brother in my early teens, which helped me develop grit and inspired me to take on out-of-the box initiatives.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I seek to amplify the voices of youth on the issues impacting their lives. I also hope to facilitate opportunities for them to realize their full potential by becoming more financially empowered and socially connected with their communities.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

I've got three! With the support of my family, friends and faith: I published a collection of poems, was nominated for a YWCA Women of Distinctions award and honoured to make meaningful impact in the lives of youths through serving on Coast Capital's Youth Community Council.

Bio

Precious' expertise lies at the intersection of public engagement, project management and community development. She is currently completing a Master's in Community Development from the University of Victoria. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from Simon Fraser University (SFU), a certificate in Project Management from the Project Management Institute and a Certificate in Public Participation Planning and Techniques from the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).

She has a long history of entrepreneurship for the greater good. In 2013, she co-founded a skills development initiative that served over 300 SFU students to develop academic and professional job skills. Precious works at SFU as a Student Development Educator, streamlining initiatives that support transfer students. She led a university-wide initiative that engaged nearly 2,200 students using design thinking to co-create solutions for building a vibrant campus community.

Prior to that, Precious worked at the United Way and supported the provincial seniors' portfolio and strategic initiatives. She coordinated the first BC Shaking the Movers (STM) Forum that involves youth in public policy development on child's rights.

Precious served as a Director on the Check Your Head Board and on the Advisory Committee for the Burnaby Young Professionals Network (BYPN) with the Burnaby Board of Trade. She is a member of IAP2 Canada's Youth Engagement Network (YEN) aimed at increasing youth participation and leadership in the practice of public engagement.



Precious taking a stroll through Finney Gardens in Victoria.

In 2019, she was nominated for a YWCA Women of Distinction Award and has won several awards for outstanding academic achievement and dedication to community engagement.