



Shayla Baumeler

Council Member

Term on Council:
2020 - Present

Hometown:
North Saanich, BC

Current Community:
Victoria, BC

Inspiration

It has always been my passion to help communities and people thrive. This is a unique opportunity to join forces with dedicated youth from diverse backgrounds and an engaged community-centric organization to make a real difference.

Fun Fact

I have traveled to 47 countries (and counting), including Peru, Ireland, Croatia, Portugal, India and Kenya.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I have worked with diverse groups of people in a range of contexts and this has given me a unique perspective to community relations. I hope to draw on this background and my experience as a young person to inform my contributions to the council and ultimately impact sustainable change on Vancouver Island.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

In 2013, I traveled to Malawi as part of a project to create a community campus where 51 villages could gather for education, health-care, recreation, and social well-being. It was truly rewarding to work over five weeks with local communities to establish a health council, distribute basic first aid equipment, and provide skills-based knowledge.

Bio

Shayla holds a B.Sc. degree in biochemistry (with a specialization in international development and the sciences) from Mount Allison University. She is currently employed at BC Cancer in Victoria. Before that, Shayla worked as a Community Investment Officer at Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, a position that involved coordinating their bursary program and facilitating regional focus groups.

In addition, Shayla has wide-ranging volunteer experience in community relations, locally and globally. This includes volunteer work with BC Children's Hospital Foundation, Vancouver Island Health Authority, 1000x5 Children's Literacy program, MS Society, Horner Foundation, as well as international service trips to Argentina and India. Shayla was a World Vision Youth Ambassador in 2013-2014 and has served as Vice President of Rotaract.

Outside of work and volunteering, Shayla enjoys cooking, photography, fishing, hiking, and travelling.



Shayla at the top of Rainbow Mountain in Peru.