Youth Get It Community Council

Vancouver Island







New Council Member: January 2018

Hometown: Abbotsford, BC

Current Community: Victoria, BC

Inspiration

Recently, the commercial team of Coast Capital Savings went up to Nanaimo for a day to work on sprucing up the Boys and Girls Club. Seeing the look on those kids' faces when they saw the changes was remarkable and made me want to do more in my community.

Fun Fact

I lived on a farm for a couple years and learned a lot about animals. We had everything: cats, dogs, ducks, chickens, geese, horses, sheep, goats, llamas, a turkey and briefly a peacock. We even rehabilitated a pair of baby crows and a baby squirrel.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I hope to build strong relationships with my peers and the organizations we will be working with, while making a positive impact on the community.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

I am most proud of being a part of this Council, I believe we can really make a difference in our community and can't wait to get started!

Bio

Ashley has worked as a Business Banking Officer with Coast Capital Savings for the last three years, where she has nurtured her passion for teaching others about financial literacy. She believes strongly that educational curricula should be updated to teach young people how to succeed financially.

Ashley attributes her passion for mentoring youth to her experience growing up as a member of the LGBTQ community, which she says was often an isolating experience. She says that she learnt the importance of having a healthy support system, which is why she now wants to help other youth feel that they have a community.

She has fostered connections to her community through volunteering with the Abbotsford Minor Fastball Association. As their treasurer, Ashley learnt about sound fiscal management through managing the association's expenses. She later transitioned to a role as assistant coach, where she managed the girls' competitive fastball team for two consecutive seasons, supporting and mentoring the group for ten months out of the year.

She recently volunteered with Coast Capital Savings' Commercial Banking Group to help with improvements to the Boys and Girls



Club of Nanaimo, a community hub that was in need of physical improvements. Her other volunteer commitment is as a member of the Junior Achievement of British Columbia's Dollars for Sense program, where she helps provide youth with the tools they need to be financially strong.

She has certificate from Vancouver Career College in the Plumbers Foundation program.

Ashley exploring Whistler, BC. She loves visiting new places.