



August Miles

New Council Member:
January 2018

Hometown:
Victoria, BC

Current Community:
Victoria, BC

Inspiration

As someone who has benefited from youth programs, I strongly believe that youth programs have a valuable role in promoting unity and strength in communities. I am excited to support youth-based initiatives through the Council to further support the enrichment of the community.

Fun Fact

I was a model for a hair show fundraiser and I had to walk down a runway despite the fact I have terrible stage fright.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I believe that youth involvement is essential to healthy communities, and conversely, I believe that community support is essential to the well-being of youth. I hope that during my time on the Council I can help encourage youth to start participating more in what their community has to offer.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

In 2016-2017, I was a member of the City of Victoria's Youth Engagement Team which sought to increase youth involvement within the city and promote a sense of belonging among youth. I'm proud of this accomplishment because the work the team did provided me the opportunity to support the wider community.

Bio

Born and raised in Victoria, B.C., August is a former Youth Engagement Team Member for the City of Victoria, where she played a lead role in developing the city's official strategy for engaging with and increasing youth involvement in programs and initiatives. As part of that role, August learned about the various barriers to youth's involvement in community services and programs – information that she will now put to good use on the Council.

August has extensive experience volunteering in her community, particularly with the coordination of community events. As an active youth volunteer with the Quadra Village Community Centre, August helps coordinate fundraisers and organize activities for her community. Most recently, she helped coordinate a community craft fair to raise money for her youth employment readiness and volunteer group's year-end retreat. Additionally, she is a member of the community centre's Food Skills for Youth, a program dedicated to educating youth on proper food preparation.

As a member of the Victoria Foundation's Residential Advisory Committee, August currently evaluates grant applications for the Neighbourhood Small Grants program, an initiative that provides funding to Hillside-Quadra neighbourhood residents' community projects. This initiative has allowed her to hone her leadership skills, as she mentors successful applicants and provides them with the resources they need to successfully complete their projects through the program.



August volunteering at Quadra Village Day.

In the future, she plans on pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a focus in accounting before going on to obtain her CPA certification.