Youth Get It Community Council

Vancouver Island





Billie Whitegibson

Term on Council: 2015 - Present

Hometown: Burnaby, BC

Current Community: Victoria, BC

Inspiration

Coast Capital Savings community investments are not just about financial contributions, but the commitment to building community connections. A community is built by the hearts and minds of its people.

Fun Fact

The first car I purchased had a standard transmission, and when I drove it off the lot, I taught myself how to drive standard.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I am excited to learn from my peers during decision-making processes that positively impact the youth in our community. There is a synergy when like-minded and passionate people bring their voices together in a group. I am very thankful to have this opportunity.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

As a track athlete, I represented Canada twice in the Pan American Games and the Harry Jerome Classic in the 4x100 metre relay.

Bio

Billie holds a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities degree, and a diploma in Intercultural Education and Training from the University of Victoria. She is currently employed as a Business Banking Officer at Coast Capital in Victoria.

From coaching youth to supporting the non-profit sector, Billie has witnessed the richness of community engagement by creating bonds inter-generationally, inter-culturally and internationally. She was a board member of Learning Through Loss Society, which provides grief and loss education to youth.

Billie is passionate about helping youth achieve educational success by creating a sense of community, identity and belonging, and she uses her athleticism as a tool to help youth work on their motor skills and maintain healthy minds.

Billie believes that youth should be given the opportunity to express who they are, and not be told who they should be.

In addition to volunteering her time as a coach and personal trainer for track and field teams across Canada, Billie has also dedicated her time to roles with the African Heritage Association



of Vancouver Island, the Vancouver Association for Survivors of Torture, the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria, the Young Parents Support Network, and the PEERS Victoria Resource Society.

Billie enjoys her visit to beautiful Barbados where some of her family lives