



Eric Dykeman

Term on Council:
2014 - Present

Hometown:
Fredericton, NB

Current Community:
Victoria, BC

Inspiration

I was inspired to apply to the Young Leaders Community Council to make a positive impact on the growth and development of youth on Vancouver Island.

Fun Fact

By day, I am a history nerd, but by night I am learning the ukulele...or at least making an attempt to do so! For a little instrument it takes a lot of skill.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

My goal is to be a part of the innovative and meaningful approach of the Council in supporting youth in the community. I also want to learn more about the great work of local community organizations, and to be an advocate and leader for youth in my community.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

I am proud of my academic accomplishments, and in the successes of the programs and organizations that I have been a part of. A highlight would be the community projects accomplished with the Canadian Cancer Society's Cops for Cancer Campaign, and my involvement with academic tutoring and mentoring programs. In my career, I am proud of my personal growth and development and I continue to take pride in the accomplishments and growth of my teammates and fellow Young Leaders.

Bio

Eric is a Help Desk Analyst at the Victoria Administration Office of Coast Capital Savings and is an alumni of Coast Capital's Youth Team Program. His volunteer experience ranges from community media relations with the Canadian Cancer Society to patient support with Island Health. Eric brings to the Young Leaders Community Council a breadth of understanding of the volunteer sector as he possesses an inherent drive to work with, and for, his community.

As a student of Parkland Secondary School, Eric took an active role in academic tutoring and mentoring programs. He has engaged in community based outreach initiatives, including creating an anti-bullying rap for a Youth Team volunteer project. His volunteer work aligns with the "for youth, by youth" approach of the Young Leaders Community Council and Eric continues to work towards deepening connections in the community.

To Eric, providing support to youth begins with making education accessible and ensuring there are available community resources, and programs in place to enable youth to achieve academic success. In his third term on the Young Leaders Community Council, Eric is prepared to work with local organizations to bring about change in our community, and ensure youth are given the opportunity for stable financial well-being, academic growth, and social development.



Eric showing off a gift.