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New Council Member:
January 2018

Hometown:
Surrey, BC

Current Community:
Surrey, BC

Inspiration

I have seen first-hand the impact that Coast Capital grants have on local organizations. When I heard about the opportunity to get involved in the Council, I knew that it would be a great platform to use to engage and support the community.

Fun Fact

I love reading novels. I have read the Harry Potter series over 50 times from start to finish!

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I hope to learn more about the different initiatives in our community and create strong relationships with my fellow Council members.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

I am most proud of my role in organizing and volunteering with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program at SFU. This was a great initiative which improved access to volunteer tax services for low-income individuals.

Bio

Gurjodh is an accounting student with an extensive background of community involvement and leadership.

Currently finishing his Bachelors of Business Administration, Gurjodh recently completed an internship as a staff accountant for KPMG Vancouver, where he put his critical thinking and analytical skills to the test working on year-end audit procedures.

Combining his natural leadership skills with his passion for finance, Gurjodh served as Vice-President and Director of Finance within the SFU Accounting Student Association, where he managed financial records, generated financial statements, and oversaw the executive team. In addition, Gurjodh volunteered as an income and tax preparer for the SFU Accounting Association, where he helped file income tax and benefit returns for low-income individuals in the local community.

At Simon Fraser University, Gurjodh served as the Director of Operations for the Beedie Mentorship Program (BMP), a peer mentorship program which creates a support network for first-year students and helps them to integrate within the larger university environment. In addition, Gurjodh served on the organizing committee for the ELITE Leadership Conference, a conference

which brings high-school aged youth together with like-minded peers in an engaging and supportive environment.

In 2017, Gurjodh won the KPMG Vancouver Consulting for a Cause case competition for the Me to We not-for-profit.



Gurjodh enjoys skiing in his free time.