



## Kati Walters

**Term on Council:**

2014 - Present

**Hometown:**

Victoria, BC

**Current Community:**

Victoria, BC

### Inspiration

I was inspired to apply for the Young Leaders Community Council after seeing the tremendous impact it has on youth in our community. I wanted to be a part of giving back to local programs and initiatives that support youth in achieving bright futures.

### Fun Fact

I used to volunteer at the Beacon Hill Petting Zoo, primarily in the alpaca portion of the farm. Volunteers often get to have a baby goat named after them as a thank-you for their volunteer efforts. The day the baby goat named after me was born is probably one of my favorite memories growing up.

### What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I hope to make a positive impact on the local initiatives we are able to support, and to build long-lasting friendships with my fellow Young Leaders.

### What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

Winning the Youth EcoStar Award in 2011 from the Capital Regional District. I received the title of Youth Ambassador for Environmental Initiatives for 2011-2012 in the Vancouver Island Region. This award was presented for my sustainability efforts both at Belmont Secondary School and in my community.

I created an entire recycling program for 1,600 students plus faculty, reducing the school's waste by 80%. Seeing the change in peoples mindset on recycling was truly rewarding. Knowing that I made a positive difference in my own community is my greatest accomplishment.

### Bio

Kati Walters works at the Broadmead branch of Coast Capital Savings as a Member Service Representative. Alongside her work schedule, Kati is working towards a Bachelor of Administration degree in Marketing at Camosun College. Kati first joined Coast Capital Savings as a member of the 2011-2012 Youth Team and played an integral role in establishing an emergency preparedness program at George Jay Elementary. Last year Kati created a volunteer initiative at her branch, which inspired her coworkers to volunteer over 140 hours back into the local community.

Kati's passion for community is demonstrated through her volunteerism and active committee efforts. She volunteered as an Undergraduate Student Ambassador for the University of Victoria Students Society, specifically focusing on the Gillian Sherwin and Harry Hickman alumni award, and also acts as a Volunteer Coordinator for the Walk for Memories with the Alzheimer Society of B.C.

In 2015, Kati was honoured to accept the Canada's 10 Most Admired Corporate Cultures Mid-Market award. Kati accepted the award alongside Coast Capital Savings CEO, Don Coulter, and members of the Board of Directors in Toronto. Kati is passionate about helping others and embraces opportunities to be a leader in her community.



Kati enjoying vacation in her favourite place, Disneyland.