



## Kortney Ashcroft

**Term on Council:**  
2018 - Present

**Hometown:**  
Ladysmith, BC

**Current Community:**  
Nanaimo, BC

### *Inspiration*

I want to create positive change in my community and be a part of the process that helps give youth a voice.

### *Fun Fact*

I'm a secret Harry Potter fan. The world of magic is just too extraordinary to resist!

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

I hope to achieve a better sense of what is being done for my community and add to my goal of life-long education and knowledge.

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

My greatest accomplishment has yet to be fulfilled because I consider it to be my life's ongoing work to walk alongside children, youth, and families to aid them when needed.

### *Bio*

Kortney is currently completing her fourth year studying Child and Youth Care at Vancouver Island University. Her practicum focuses on breaking down the barriers that limit people from pursuing post-secondary education. She aspires to one day apply her education to help children in her community as a counsellor or community worker.

Passionate about restorative justice, Kortney volunteers as a youth mentor with the John Howard Society, an organization which helps at-risk individuals who have been involved in the criminal justice system. There, she works with youth to help them complete their restorative justice contracts.

She has completed the Domestic Violence Facilitator workshop, which teaches how to mediate domestic conflicts, and the Grasp Workshop, which teaches the principles of suicide prevention.

Throughout her undergraduate degree, Kortney has worked a variety of service and retail jobs, from paper delivery person, dishwasher, and barista. She credits these jobs for teaching her the value of hard work and the importance of time management. She is

currently the key holder at the Nanaimo SoftMoc.



Through her experience as the Co-Chair of the Vancouver Island University's John Howard Student Association's executive board, Kortney has honed her leadership and organization abilities.

Kortney loves animals and being outdoors.