



## Laura Martini

**New Council Member:**  
January 2019

**Hometown:**  
Coquitlam, BC

**Current Community:**  
Coquitlam, BC

### *Inspiration*

As soon as I heard about the Council, I knew it would be the right fit for me. I first discovered my passion for giving back when I was working at a summer camp at the age of 15. From then on I've taken as many opportunities as I can to help enrich my community. The Council will provide me with a new way to gain insight on the goings on in my community and this opportunity is another way for me to give back.

### *Fun Fact*

Very few people know that I am actually a great cook. I enjoy spending the day in the kitchen whether it's trying to make something new, or recreating the same recipes I grew up cooking with my grandmother.

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

While on the Council I hope to gain a greater understanding of the scope of community work Coast Capital Savings is involved in, and to use my existing understanding and experiences to make a positive impact on my community.

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

To date, I've been to 12 countries. I'm a huge fan of travelling by myself – it's given me the opportunity to meet new people, and experience new things. My first solo trip was unexpected, and resulted in me spending three months in four different countries. I learned a lot about different forms of communication as I didn't speak the primary languages in these countries and I was able to take advantage of several opportunities that I otherwise wouldn't have had.

### *Bio*

In high school, Laura took metalwork as an elective and found she really enjoyed working with her hands. In 2015 she went to LaSalle College and obtained a diploma in jewelry design and manufacturing. Laura then spent a few months doing freelance work before applying at Coast Capital, where she currently works as a Member Banking Specialist. Laura has been with Coast Capital since 2016, starting as a Member Service Representative before moving into the Member Banking Specialist role.

Laura's favorite way of giving back so far has been through Coast Capital's in-branch community team. Over the past two years, her branch has been volunteering at the Langley Wish Breakfast. This year, Laura organized over \$2700 in donations, and coordinated 17 volunteers. In addition to that, she's spent the last two years working with Junior Achievement of British Columbia teaching financial literacy in middle school classrooms in the Tri-Cities and Fraser Valley.

When not working or volunteering, Laura enjoys hiking, dancing, and trying new things. In 2016, she had a new year's resolution to have one new experience a month. Laura was successful

and experienced 12 new things, including bungee jumping, dragon boating, competing in an acrobatic dance competition and bobsledding the Olympic track in Whistler. She's kept this tradition going and her new goal is to take part in four new experiences each year.



Laura, adding axe throwing to her list of experiences.