



## Peter Papagiannis

**Term on Council:**  
2015 - Present

**Hometown:**  
Campbell River, BC

**Current Community:**  
Victoria, BC

### Inspiration

I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact of what receiving a grant can do for individuals, so I wanted to be a part of a group that supports organizations in order to help youth from our communities reach their potential.

### Fun Fact

Many people don't know that I am a bit of a cinephile (a devoted moviegoer). I try to get to the movie theatre as much as possible. My favourite films come from the Dogme 95 and French New Wave movements.

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

I hope to allocate funds in the most efficient way possible in order to assist those in need. A successful term on the Council will be measured by the number of youth who are given an opportunity, a second chance, or a helping hand that improves their lives.

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

I was once the leader for a program that helped at-risk youth gain valuable work and life skills. I was able to spend a summer with these amazing young people, and help them prepare for the workforce. Seeing them years later, enjoying their careers and living independently, fills me with great pride.

### Bio

Peter Papagiannis holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Canadian History from the University of Victoria. He currently works as an Alumni Giving Officer at the University of Victoria, supporting the Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Fine Arts. He brings over five years of grant writing experience and project management skills to the Young Leaders Community Council.

Peter previously ran a federally funded Skills Link program that helped at-risk youth empower themselves, learn new skills, and secure employment. Seeing these youth succeed in the work force and begin a new direction in their life inspired Peter to further dedicate himself to youth in his community. Peter's time as youth facilitator has also allowed him to become engaged and informed with the resources available to youth in the community, and some of the challenges that arise. His previous work at Our Place Society has opened his eyes to life on the streets, and what youth face if they have no support in their formative years.



Peter has seen the impact of grants and philanthropy, and knows how they alter the landscape for those in need. He is dedicated to pushing himself personally and professionally, in order to become a better leader in Greater Victoria.

Peter prepares to catch some West Coast waves.