



Precious Ile

New Council Member:
January 2018

Hometown:
Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Current Community:
Burnaby, BC

Inspiration

I was drawn to Coast Capital's youth-centered leadership approach. As someone who is passionate about youth development and an avid community volunteer, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to apply.

Fun Fact

I weightlifted recreationally with my twin brother in my early teens, which helped me develop grit and inspired me to take on out-of-the box initiatives.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I seek to amplify the voices of youth on the issues impacting their lives. I also hope to facilitate opportunities for them to realize their full potential by becoming more financially empowered and socially connected with their communities.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

I've got three! With the support of family, friends and faith, I published a collection of poems, coordinated the inaugural Shaking the Movers public policy youth conference in British Columbia, and am currently helping to raise the profile of the community-based seniors' services sector as a member of the United Way's Healthy Aging team.

Bio

Precious has a long history of entrepreneurship for the greater good. In 2013, she co-founded a skills development initiative at Simon Fraser University to help undergraduates and graduates develop academic and professional job skills. Through partnerships with several campus departments, the initiative has served over 300 students and continues to deliver academic and career-focused events.

Following that, Precious served as community liaison for a project called Through Our Eyes, a platform aimed at bringing together indigenous and non-indigenous youths to learn about the work of reconciliation in partnership with Reconciliation Canada and the Inspirit Foundation.

Passionate about youth engagement and empowerment, Precious led a team of local and national partners to host the inaugural Shaking the Movers (STM) conference. STM is a public policy platform designed to create a safe space for B.C. youths to speak out on issues impacting their lives. She co-authored the final conference report that was vetted by leading Childs Rights Academics across and beyond Canada and published in the Canadian Journal of Children's Rights.

Currently, Precious supports the grant management of two provincial seniors' programs through the United Way of the Lower Mainland, experience which has equipped her with the critical thinking and practical project management skills required for her role on the Council.



Precious talking a stroll through Finnelly Gardens in Victoria.

As a life-long learner, she is completing a Master's in Community Development from the University of Victoria. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from Simon Fraser University and certificate in Project Management from the Project Management Institute.