



Precious Ile

Council Chair

Term on Council:
2018 - Present

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 my family, friends and faith, I published a collection of poems, coordinated the inaugural Shaking the Movers public policy youth conference in British Columbia, and juggled several board and community leadership roles while being enrolled in a full-time Master's program, consequently receiving several awards for my commitment to community engagement, public policy and outstanding academic achievement.

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 (SFU) 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 youth to learn about the work of reconciliation in partnership with the SFU Restorative Justice Club, Reconciliation Canada and the Inspirit Foundation.

Precious previously worked at the United Way of the Lower Mainland and supported the grant management of two provincial seniors' programs and key strategic initiatives. Precious now works at SFU where she spearheaded several university-wide initiatives focused on improving transfer student programming for international students. She is currently a Student Development Educator designing and implementing an innovative peer-program that transforms students' ideas into action, using design thinking and community engagement approaches to build a vibrant, resilient and inclusive community.

Precious also served as a Director on the Check Your Head Board and on the Advisory Committee for the Burnaby Young Professionals Network (BYPN) through the Burnaby Board of Trade.



Precious talking a stroll through Finnelly Gardens in Victoria.

Precious is currently completing a Master's in Community Development from the University of Victoria. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from SFU, a certificate in Project Management from the Project Management Institute and a Certificate in Public Participation Planning and Techniques from the International Association for Public Participation.