



## Sarah Rose McShane

### NEW MEMBER

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### Hometown:

Ottawa, ON

### Current Community:

Victoria, BC

### Inspiration

I am inspired by Coast Capital Savings “for youth, by youth” model, which aims to create meaningful opportunities for teens and young adults. Growing up I was lucky enough to participate in youth leadership programs. I now look forward to putting my critical thinking skills to good use to help create those opportunities for others.

### Fun Fact

I spent a month camping around the coast of Madagascar with a paleontology team searching for fossils.

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

With my time on the Council I wish to learn more about the non-profit sector on Vancouver Island and what goes into granting decisions. I also hope to meet other young professionals who are passionate about community-building, Vancouver Island and youth.

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

The work I did with the Oakland’s Farmers Market where I launched the market’s multi-generational leadership team made up of teens, young adults and seniors. Together we created meaningful work experiences and a vibrant neighbourhood market supporting our local economy and food security.

### Bio

Sarah Rose McShane holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Psychology from McGill University. After a few years in the workforce, Sarah Rose relocated to Sweden where she earned her Masters of Strategic Leadership towards Sustainability from the Blekinge Institute of Technology.

Upon completion of her Masters, Sarah Rose worked for Oaklands Community Centre as a Youth Leader in Training Manager and later a Community Development Coordinator. During her time there she created the Oaklands Sunset Market Leadership Team, which gave teens the opportunity to run a weekly farmers market. It also allowed teens, university students, and seniors the chance to collaborate and give back to their community.

This experience solidified her existing passion for creating meaningful youth work experiences and would eventually lead her to the University of Victoria, where she worked as a Project Coordinator for the Vancouver Island Social Innovation Zone (VISIZ). VISIZ aims to bring students and community members together to test and grow enterprising solutions to social issues through work placements and hands-on projects.



Sarah Rose is excited to bring her passion and experiences in sustainability, youth leadership development and employment training to the Vancouver Island Young Leaders Community Council.

Sarah Rose loves exploring vibrant Victoria on her bike.