

COAST CAPITAL SAVINGS CELEBRATES BC YOUTH WEEK ***Nanaimo youth says “giving back” is a great source of inspiration***

Surrey, BC – Coast Capital Savings, Canada’s largest credit union by membership and one of Canada’s most significant corporate community investors, is recognizing BC Youth Week (May 1-7) by shining the spotlight on some of the amazing young people who are making a difference in their communities.

Coast Capital’s commitment to youth in the communities where they live and work is a key component of the credit union’s ethos. Each year, Coast Capital invests ten per cent of its bottom line into programs that help young Canadians achieve financial independence, including initiatives that deepen money management skills and habits.

In addition to the monetary support it offers community organizations, Coast Capital Savings runs a suite of signature youth programs that help build community connections, develop leadership skills and fund post-secondary education. These include the *Coast Capital Youth Community Councils*, a group of young people who are tasked with making granting decisions; *Coast Capital’s Youth Intern program* that provides unique work experience for students in branches and as Coast Capital ambassadors at community events and initiatives, and; *Coast Capital Youth Education Awards* that help support young people who have faced adversity in pursuing their post-secondary education goals.

Cameron Hussynec of Nanaimo, a Coast Capital employee and recipient of the 2018 Coast Capital Volunteer of the Year employee award, is an active member of the Coast Capital Youth Community Council that helps facilitate the credit union’s grant applications for local non-profit organizations.



“I feel really privileged to be part of an organization that invests so heavily in the young people and their future,” says Cameron. “Serving my community by sitting on the Coast Capital

Community Council and making granting decisions that impact youth right here in my community gives me a purpose and keeps me grounded. It is so inspiring to see the difference that the organizations we partner with make in the lives of the young people who they exist to help, empower and support.”

“Youth Week is a terrific opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing young people in our communities,” said Maureen Young, Coast Capital’s Director of Community Leadership. “It may seem cliché, but our youth are the leaders of tomorrow and its imperative that we offer them the opportunity to participate, develop and excel.”

A series of Youth Week activities are planning in mid-Island communities. For more information, click here: <https://www.bcyouthweek.com/events/vancouver-island>.

About Coast Capital Savings

Coast Capital Savings is Canada’s largest credit union by membership and B.C.’s first credit union to become a federal credit union. Owned by its 572,000 members, Coast Capital offers banking and investment services digitally and through its 52 branches in the Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley, Okanagan, and Vancouver Island regions of British Columbia. An Imagine Canada Caring Company and a Certified B Corporation in recognition of its social performance, Coast Capital invests 10 per cent of its bottom line in youth focused community organizations, programs, partnerships and events. The credit union has been recognized as one of Canada's Most Admired Corporate Cultures™, and holds a Best Managed Companies Platinum Club designation. Coast Capital has a history of introducing innovative products to help their members achieve financial wellbeing including Canada’s first free chequing account from a full-service financial institution and Help Extras®, enabling members to invest in their future. To learn more, visit coastcapitalsavings.com.

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