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### Town of Gibsons' Appoints Alternate Youth Representative for 2021/2022 Term

*November 22, 2021* – The Town of Gibsons today announced the appointment of Colten Rockford, a grade 11 student at Elphinstone Secondary School (Elphinstone), as the Alternate Youth Representative to its “Students on Council” program for 2021/2022. Evie Clarke, a grade 12 student at Elphinstone, will become the Town’s primary Youth Representative, after serving during the 2020/2021 term as the Alternate Youth Representative.

Evie is a fifth-generation Sunshine Coaster and an active community member who has volunteered for many local organizations, including the Roberts Creek Community Association and the Sechelt homeless shelter. At school, Evie has been a member of Elphinstone’s Student Council, canvassed classes to help raise awareness for the Terry Fox Run, and was a founding member of the school’s Amnesty International Club. She is also an avid athlete who enjoys playing soccer and basketball.

Colten is a member of Elphinstone’s Student Council, Leadership Class, and Garden Club, and also spearheaded a project to make and place 215 paper “Every Child Matters” shirts in recognition of National Truth and Recognition Day. In 2021, he was named to Elphinstone’s *Honour Roll with Distinction*. Colten brings strong public speaking skills to his new role and is eager to share with Council his peers’ perspectives on climate change, water usage and public transportation.

Evie and Colten will be sworn into their positions at Gibsons’ council meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

*“I am pleased to welcome Colten, and reconfirm Evie, as Youth Representatives,”* said Mayor Bill Beamish. *“As students who are extremely active in various aspects of their high school community, I believe they will provide Council with valuable insight into the concerns and activities of their peers.”*

The Gibsons’ “Students on Council” program was introduced in February 2019 as a way to provide an opportunity to include and involve students on Council. As Youth Representatives, the students will provide a youth perspective on matters being considered at council and committee meetings, raise awareness of the positive contributions of youth in our community and advocate for and on behalf of youth in the Town of Gibsons.

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