

I am 20 years old and I am currently studying Political Science at Brock University! I have lived in NOTL my whole life and love the area so much I wanted to stay here while I pursued my post-secondary education. I have a passion for public service, and I want to apply my academic knowledge into real life, where I can help strengthen my community and encourage civic engagement of residents and those who might typically not prioritize governance. In my studies, I am particularly focused on comparative politics and public policy, where I am learning how to best encourage and apply policy goals. I have worked repeatedly with our MPP Wayne Gates, through which I have gained crucial community outreach skills and been given the opportunity to hear first-hand what the wants and needs are of NOTL residents, and also the skills to keep those constituents up-to-date on improvements and progress towards their concerns. I have worked in voter engagement through this as well, and I have trained in how to encourage and ensure voter turnout during elections by means such as offering valuable information, timelines, and providing accessibility options to those who may face barriers in the voting process. I have seen the struggles, controversies, and successes that NOTL has been through, and for many years I have felt that the youth voice is not prioritized (and that youth are less engaged to begin with), and I have a strong desire to not only be the voice for youth, but also to educate, encourage, and engage other youth in the region to be aware and active in the civic process, which directly impacts them and their futures. I am a hard-working and passionate person who feels very deeply about making life and community better for everybody, and I believe that starts at the grassroots level, through advocacy and education. My goal is to help make NOTL better by encouraging civic engagement through youth education and public support, as well as by listening to the needs of all residents. I hope to be able to do so through the NOTLRA and I look forward to working and volunteering to make the community a better place!