

# Youth care specialist aims for Esquimalt council post

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Ali Gaul is running for Esquimalt council.

The 35-year-old mother of two co-founded the Esquimalt Residents Association and is an advocate for the Archie Browning Sports Centre and a member of the Friends of Archie Browning Society.

Gaul has also served on the sports centre's audit committee, is on the town's environmental advisory committee and is a familiar face at council meetings.

Gaul said making sure all voices are heard and represented, including those of children and youth, is important to her.

Gaul is a child and youth care specialist, and currently co-ordinates the community respite service for families at Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health. She supports and advocates for families raising a child or youth with a disability, and trains respite workers to help provide support. Gaul is also co-ordinating a support project for families raising a child with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

Her website will launch Aug. 9 at [www.alisongaul.ca](http://www.alisongaul.ca), and include her position on Esquimalt issues, including sewage treatment, the Archie Browning Sports Centre, the Esquimalt village project and the environment.