



## Get to know University Councillor Marcus Wong, Artsci'03:



West Vancouver, BC, City Councillor. CEO, AURUS Athletica. Provincially-appointed tribunal adjudicator. Spokesperson, major utility company. Communications advisor to cabinet ministers. Canadian Olympic Committee. Canadian Embassy (Washington, DC). MSc (Birmingham). GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE: West Vancouver Police Board, Queen's University Council (2008-2014), Queen's Alumni Association, BC Association of Police Boards, Canadian Association of Police Governance, West Vancouver Track & Field Club, Pacific Baroque Orchestra, BC Luge Association, Richmond Art Gallery, University of Birmingham Senate. Member, Institute of Corporate Directors. AT QUEEN'S: Solar Car, MCRC, Withinsight, NTYLC, Queen's Bands, Reunion Coordinator. Current term to 2023.

### 1. Why did you select Queen's University?

I remember reading about Queen's University in Maclean's magazine when I was about 10 years old (it was ranked #1 that year) and being attracted to the University's history, academic reputation, and of course, its ivy-clad walls. From that point on, I knew instinctively that this was where I wanted to study, which was further confirmed during my first campus tour when I was in Grade 12.

### 2. Most memorable moment as a student?

Queen's is where I met some of the best friends, so I have many memorable moments, but certainly one that stands out is that I got to be the mascot for the Queen's Bands.

### 3. What is your job?

I am a City Councillor in West Vancouver, BC.

### 4. What's the career highlight you're most proud of?

I was fortunate to be able to work in a variety of roles across the Olympic Movement. Not only am I incredibly passionate about sport and its unparalleled ability to bridge cultures, language, and geography, but during my time in the Olympic Movement, I became friends with some of the Olympic athletes that I looked up to as a kid.

### 5. How do you spend your free time?

I train and compete as a track and field athlete.

**6. What motivated you to stand for election for University Council?**

My time as a Queen's student helped shape my career as well as who I am today – it is where I learned the practical applications of governance, conflict management, leadership, and inspiring others for change. So now, it is only fitting that I give back my time, treasure, and talents in whatever way I can, to help ensure that future generations of students can also have a similar experience.

**7. Do you have any words of wisdom for incoming Councillors?**

Don't be afraid to speak up or to ask questions!

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