

Paul Dec

Born in Poland and raised in Germany, Paul has lived in 5 other countries and travelled many more - but when Paul moved to Nova Scotia he felt an instant connection and decided to call it his home.

He worked as our Urban Planning Consultant from February to August of 2015 as a part of his Masters of Town and County development degree. During this time he proved to be efficient in both individual tasks and group projects while acting as mentor and partner with our Masters of Planning Co-op student, Ross Grant. Paul's work includes configuring census data and creating multiple maps to advocate for better transit, the [Active Transportation](#) pitch to the city which included a [3-D animation of a proposed ramp](#) from Lakecrest Drive, and even worked with the [NSCC Animation](#) students to mentor them with their project while designing a [3D animation](#) of our proposed future based on our new rules for land-use and form-based-code (approved architectural features). Paul went above and beyond in every task assigned and returned for a freelance position working on [Tax Reform Advocacy](#) after his placement.

Paul was originally interested in our organization after meeting our President, Greg Fong at a community meeting. After this, he contacted Graziella to let her know he was interested in volunteering. He was especially impressed by the recently completed Land Use By-Law revisions, and the enthusiasm of both Greg and Graziella and knew he needed to be a part of this movement.

We appreciate all the hard work and passion that was put into all the projects Paul was a part of. Here's what he had to say about us:

"The media exposure was phenomenal, my professional network started to grow quickly and the hands-on experience to promote the development possibilities of a district were extremely valuable. I am currently involved in a similar regeneration of a transforming Main Street area in Port Hawkesbury and I benefit from the experience gained in the Village every day. To some extent, it likely even gave me an edge to land this job. The experience with the BID also inspired me to write my first-ever publication in the Canadian urban planning magazine, Spacing."

Paul's commitment and passion was a true blessing - thank you again!

You can find more about Paul through

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and be sure to check out his writing work for Spacing here:

<http://spacing.ca/atlantic/2016/06/14/main-street-dartmouth-practice-test-suburban-sprawl-repair/>