

Emilie Pothier

Emilie Pothier was a student going into her final year of Dalhousie's School of Planning's Community Design Program. We loved how her eyes lit up at the sight of a map. What's even more endearing than witnessing that, is her determination to improve all aspects of planning in the HRM. Being born and raised in Dartmouth, and with many assignments related to the Peninsula, Emilie has a firm grasp on where the city can improve.

Emilie found herself applying for her position once she found out about all the impressive work that has been done to better the Main St. area. She felt it would be an excellent way to apply the skills she's learned in school in a different setting.

As the Planning and Engagement Coordinator, Emilie happily took on the tasks of perfecting [7 surveys](#) that will allow us to better serve the community, updating the demographic information in our [Age-friendly Community Plan](#), and re-creating our [directory](#). She also began participating in [Leading With Transit](#) meetings wherein members of the HRM community including businesses and special interest groups discuss opportunities and ideas to better the transit system. Emilie also found the time to put together a report; [Making the Case for Connections to Main Street](#), which argued that Main Street Dartmouth should be a priority for improved active transportation and transit infrastructure and service by citing current policy documents and reports.

Emilie also took part in another out of office activity, a twelve-week [Business Training Skills](#) course to master her skills in Excel, provided to her by The Village on Main, and Metro Business Association. She was also the driver behind creating questions for our yearly interactive game where we educate people about our new land-use-bylaws in a fun way by using people as markers on a huge Village on Main carpet-like map of the district (created by our 2017 Summer Planning Team).

Once her time with us is complete, she will be going back to her fourth and final year of the Bachelor of Community Design Honours Program at Dalhousie University, with a Major in Environmental Planning and Minor in Geography. While in school she takes on the role of Teaching Assistant.

Thus far, she has received the Community Design Achievement Award for her first, second, and third year of university (we won't be surprised if she wins it again!).

In addition to her academic excellence, Emilie has been dancing the majority of her life. While her main focus has been ballet and contemporary, she has also taken on swing dancing. She believes dance is an incredible way to clear one's mind, as well as exercise.

Her professionalism and friendly demeanour made her a delight to work with, we wish her all the best in her promising career ahead.

Emilie was an incredible addition to our Summer 2018 team. She excelled in behind the scenes work of creating surveys and updating demographic information, and when put in the spotlight during community engagement.