

Karen Brake

Karen Brake approached us in 2015 offering her services after graduating from the Centre of Geographic Sciences in Lawrencetown (COGS). While retired, Karen took on the role as Graphic Information System (GIS) Consultant. She wanted to stay up to date with her skills by taking this on as a passion project and we're so thankful for that.

The Village on Main is dedicated to the growth of the district. While many ideas began to form once we were approved for growth, we needed to know if the underground infrastructure would withstand the growth - but we weren't sure how to go about finding this out. We also wondered where the ideal location would be for a public space or park. Almost as if connected telepathically, Karen showed up unannounced to offer her services, within 48 hours of pondering this dilemma. She learned about us after someone gave her one of our historic calendars, wondered if we could use her help, and decided to stop in. When she popped in she had her portfolio showing maps that she created of underground infrastructure in Bridgetown to determine the best location for a school. That's GIS! We asked Karen to [map our underground infrastructure](#) to determine the best location for a park.

Whenever we have a GIS question, Karen is our expert just an email away, and always thrilled to help. Her most recent project with us was the creation of maps in our [Age Friendly Community Plan](#) when we updated the Statistics Canada data. She will also help with mapping our survey data when the surveys are complete.

Originally from Newfoundland, Karen has called Nova Scotia home for twenty years. Having a connection to the area, working with us seemed like the perfect fit. Her wealth of knowledge was impressive and created maps to designate a much sought after Green Space within the Village on Main.

Karen has an admirable past, having worked for the Royal Canadian Navy for many years. Being a veteran herself, she spends a lot of her free time volunteering for various veterans groups, and advocating for PTSD awareness.

Thank you for stepping in at the right time, and for always being willing to assist us when we need it!

Karen Brake was one of those lovely people that saw what the Village on Main was trying to achieve and wanted to use her impressive skills to help us get there. While retired, she cares for her community and continues to support it through volunteering for multiple veterans groups. We're so lucky to have passionate people like Karen on our side.