

Meet Kira...

Kira Norgren is a fourth-year honour's student with the Dalhousie School of planning, working towards her Bachelor's degree in Community Design with a minor in Environmental planning. Kira's sense of adventurous inspired her to make the move from her hometown of Ottawa, Ontario to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Between her planning education, living in residence, and being a part of the Dalhousie Tigers cheerleader team, Kira has made lifelong friends who have inspired Kira to make the East Coast her new home. Kira often spends her free time hiking, at the beach, or exploring the region. Kira never fails to find adventure, and it is excited to establish a life in Halifax.

With climate change being an increasingly important and relevant issue in society, Kira is passionate about environmental protection and is excited that, as a planner, she is in a strong position to contribute to the fight against climate change. Sustainable technologies and smart city planning techniques have become a strong interest to Kira, learning how sustainable planning techniques can be integrated into the urban environment. After her graduation in the spring of 2022, Kira hopes that throughout in her planning career she can facilitate opportunities for others to contribute to the fight climate change.

Kira worked as a student planning intern with the Village on Main from January to April 2022. Working in a consultant capacity, Kira created a [report to summarize and evaluate transportation plans and policies applicable to the Main St district](#). This document acts as a background information report for a larger future transit planning project that is being composed by the Village on Main.

Throughout her time at the Village on Main, Kira has learned a lot of valuable skills in self-regulation and management. Kira has become skilled at creating and following a detailed work plan, to ensure she can meet all her project goals in a timely manner. Kira has also gain valuable experience in information management. Through the creation of her Guide to Transportation planning policy document, Kira developed a working knowledge of the flow of information and how to present that information in a intuitive and logical manner. This included converting jargon heavy documents with a

lot of technical information into documents that can be easily understood by a variety of audiences.

Kira's work with the Village on Main gave her a very valuable understanding of the relationship between the public and private sectors. Through reviewing the reports of public engagement sessions conducted by the Village on Main, Kira gained an understanding of public interests and how the general public interprets certain planning documents. This provided Kira with an understanding of how to create documents that can be interpreted by the general public the way they are intended to interpret a document.