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EDUCATION

Master of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB **2012**
Master's Thesis: Evaluating Citizen Participation in Community Sustainability Planning: The Story of Alberta

Bachelor of Arts, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC **2007**
Major in Political Science, Minor in Environmental Studies

EXPERIENCE

Senior Planner, Calgary Growth Strategies, City of Calgary, Calgary, AB **2019-2021**

As a member of the City-Wide Policy and Legislation and Land Use Bylaw teams have contributed to the integrated project of developing the Guidebook for Great Communities and the renewal of the Land Use Bylaw. Was a key member of the writing team for the Guidebook, played a leadership role in planning the process and preparing the team for significantly evolving the plan in Spring and Summer 2020, and initiated opportunities such as an installation at the Central Library as part of building public awareness and understanding of how Calgary can build great communities for everyone.

Planner 2, Community Planning, City of Calgary, Calgary, AB **2016 - 2018**

File manager for land use and development permit applications, proactively worked with CPAG colleagues to find solutions and get applications to a decision. Contributed as the project planner for the update to the Chinook Station Area Redevelopment Plan and the Area 31 Local Growth Plan, and one of the Community Planning representatives for This Is My Neighbourhood.

Planner 1, Community Planning, City of Calgary, Calgary, AB **2016**

Reviewed and managed land use and development permit applications. Completed planning analysis work for the Highfield Station for the Green Line.

Development Planner, Town of Canmore, Canmore, AB **2012 - 2016**

Delivered a variety of municipal planning services including development, land use and subdivision review and evaluation, research and drafting planning policy, workshop facilitation and community engagement, presenting to council and committees, responding to citizen concerns, and liaising with other agencies.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RPP, Alberta Professional Planners Institute, Canadian Institute of Planners **2017 - 2021**

Registered Professional Planner with the Alberta Professional Planners Institute and full member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Foundations in Design Thinking, IDEO **2020**

Completed Insights for Innovation and From Ideas to Action courses to achieve the Foundations in Design Thinking Certificate.

Emerging Leaders Program, City of Calgary **2019**

Selected as a Planning & Development participant for the corporate-wide leadership development program.

Alberta Professional Planners Institute **2017 - 2020**

Elected member of the 2017 - 2020 Alberta Professional Planners Institute Council.

Revitalize Conference, Alberta Professional Planners Institute **2018**

Presented professional reflections on the importance and potential of incorporating empathy into the planning process: Can Empathy Revitalize Planning?

Toastmasters International **2012 - 2016**

Achieved Competent Communicator within Toastmasters International's communication program.

- International Association for Public Participation** **2014**
Certificate in Public Participation.
- Ecocity World Summit, Ecocity Builders, Montreal** **2011**
Presented results from Masters Thesis research: Citizen Participation in Sustainability Planning: The Story of Alberta.
- The Art of Hosting, The Berkana Institute** **2010**
Intensive facilitation workshop centred around hosting conversations that matter.


COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Sponsor for Registered Professional Planner (RPP) Certification** **2020-2021**
Sponsor for three candidate members as they work through the RPP certification process as governed by the Professional Standards Board Process for Certification in the Planning Profession.
- School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape** **2017 - 2019**
Frequent guest panelist for planning studio reviews, and member of the previous Faculty of Environmental Design Alumni Council.
- Programmer, CJSW 90.9FM** **2012 - 2018**
Co-hosted and produced a morning radio show inspired by a curiosity for the people, places, and music of Calgary.
- Volunteer Facilitator, City Cycling Strategy Forums, Civic Camp** **2011**
Contributed to the design and facilitation of citizen forums around the City of Calgary's Cycling Strategy.
- Student Director, Community Planning Association of Alberta** **2010 - 2011**
Member of the board of directors for a province-wide community planning association.
- Co-leader, Jane's Walks** **2010 - 2011**
Designed and co-led public walks in Calgary as part of the annual International Jane's Walk event.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Barcelona Study-Abroad Program, Barcelona, Spain** **2009**
Three-month Faculty of Environmental Design interdisciplinary program. Included an architectural studio, an urban systems class, and a four day design workshop in Zaragoza with the Esto No Es Un Solar project.
- Örebro Universitet, Undergraduate Exchange, Örebro, Sweden** **2004 - 2005**
A bi-lateral university exchange. Completed undergraduate level courses with international and Swedish students.

ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

Momma to Sofie ; avid hiker, have completed routes including the GR-11 in the Pyrenees and the northern half of the Great Divide Trail; enthusiastic runner and mountain biker, have ran multiple half marathons and the Vancouver Full Marathon; canoe enthusiast; life-long skier; all round lover of adventure! Also keen on eating tasty food, traveling, and enjoying Calgary's art and cultural scene.