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JACQUELINE HAMILTON

Jacqueline Hamilton (MURP 93) is making a difference at City Hall in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). The largest city east of Montreal, HRM was formed when four local governments were amalgamated in 1996. A member of a team of 18 professional planners, Jacqueline's work focuses primarily on downtown planning on both sides of Halifax's harbour.

Jacqueline is one of the few alumni who attended planning programs at both Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and the Technical University of Nova Scotia. The NSCAD program instilled in her a land conservation ethic, and an interest in environmental planning and design. She brought this perspective to the Master of Urban and Rural Planning program where she pursued interests in cultural landscape and urban design studies. Both programs gave her a grounding in community-based planning and a genuine interest in public participation which she has carried into her professional practice.

Since graduation, Jacqueline has been working in the municipal sector. First, in a small town planning commission in Pictou County, NS, and then the metropolitan Halifax area, where she continues to endure the challenges of a new and ever evolving organization, carving out a niche in downtown and urban planning practice. She has been the leader of many community planning projects including Town of Trenton Municipal Plan (1995) and Downtown Dartmouth Plan (2000). She is now engaged in planning for the Halifax waterfront with the Waterfront Development Corporation and its consultants, and a special project to revitalize Barrington Street in downtown Halifax. Her future challenges include participation in corporate initiatives for the downtown "Capital District" and regional planning.

She also continues to pursue her own professional development. In 1994, with support from the Department of Urban and Rural Planning, Jacqueline and fellow alumnae **Melanie Hare (MURP 93)**, **Pam McIntosh (MURP 93)** and **Golsa Soraya (MURP 93)**, participated in a "Young Planners Workshop" sponsored by the International Society of City and Regional Planners. Their project was selected to be exhibited at the Congress in Prague. Jacqueline has been

active since 1995 on the executive of the Nova Scotia Association of Professional Planners. She is also a regular contributor to the local academic programs by acting as a thesis advisor and providing assistance with various student projects.

Jacqueline lives in Halifax with her dog Molly and her husband and fellow planner, **Brian White**, an Environmental Planner with Jacques Whitford Environment Limited. Jacqueline can be contacted at HRM Planning & Development Services, Alderney Gate Office, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, NS, B3J 3A5. tel: 902 490 4405, fax: 902 490 4346, e-mail: <hamiltj@region.halifax.ns.ca>



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1. Jacqueline Hamilton on the Dartmouth waterfront, Halifax in the background
2. From the study "Towards 2020: A Plan for Downtown Dartmouth"
3. From the study "Halifax Waterfront Openspace & Development Plan: A Vision for the Future"