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Regional Traffic Engineer-In-Training

Southern Interior Region Traffic
Traffic
Kamloops

Job Stream: Engineering

1. What do you DO in your current position? Describe the responsibilities, or a day in your life.

Regional Traffic is responsible for working with government, along with stakeholders and the public in issues related to traffic, transportations, and safety. We work on speed zones, signal timing, collision review, development approvals, Minister's Letters, MVI inquiries, Capital and Rehab Project Representation, etc. I travel the roads within the Region frequently, completing site visits, attending meetings with Municipalities, reviewing Traffic Management during construction, collecting speed and volume related data, etc.

2. Why did you choose your current position? What was it that interested you in this line of work?

Being an EIT within the Ministry provides an excellent opportunity to see multiple business units and work environments. The flexibility in the program allows unique opportunities and challenges, as well as many rotations which is appealing to APEGBC in creating a well rounded, well educated engineer.

3. What do you like most/feels rewarding about your current position?

Within Regional Traffic, I respect the impact that the decisions we make have on so many vehicles every day. People rely on well coordinated signal timing or appropriately established speed zones to travel to and from work in a safe and efficient manner. The residents of British Columbia carry a passion for our roads and the signs on our highways. It is a great feeling to work with them in providing the best highway possible

4. What formal or informal education has been important to you?

I graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of British Columbia – Okanagan.

5. So far, how does your current position fit into the career path you expected to have?

My current position is far from what I expected I'd be doing out of school. That being said, I have no intention of changing career paths any time soon.

6. What is your favourite thing about working at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure?

So many people have a true passion for working as a public servant. It is humbling to see the time and effort they put in on a day-to-day basis to ensure public safety. It's rewarding to be a part of making B.C. the best it can be.

7. What attracted you to the area you currently reside in/ (i.e. Nelson – Skiing)

Moving from Nelson to Kamloops, I was attracted to the land, the city, and its proximity to so many great places within the southern interior. The size of the city allows you to fit right in without feeling like you're living in a small town.

8. What type of personal interests do you have? (i.e. Married, kids, single, favourite sports, hobbies, etc.)

I am single, spending most of my summer training for various races, such as runs, a triathlon, or the Second Annual Sun Peaks Spartan Beast. Throughout the winter, I focus on swimming and alpine skiing. Someday soon I hope to purchase a property in Kamloops which will allow me to have a dog and re-establish my passion for woodworking.