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Transportation
West Kootenay District
Nelson

Job Stream: Science and Technical Officers

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

I manage the Development Approvals Program and supervise staff. I also manage a few contracts for our District, working closely with the operations staff to ensure the District is operating as a group and no duplicated efforts are happening.

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

I enjoy working in Development Approvals and being involved in the operations side.

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

I enjoy training staff, making the right changes to our program. My job also involves carrying out several tasks throughout the day so each day is never the same. In the morning I can cover off 15 different tasks and not feel overwhelmed.

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

I received a Geography degree which has helped with land development and identifying natural hazards. The courses offered up by internal staff have been most beneficial. The senior staff have an amazing amount of knowledge. We're very lucky to have these people in our group.

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

My career path never focused on a specific position, but rather the projects I would carry out. This position lets me create projects and carry out different programs for my district. The most important thing has been work/life balance. I work hard, however, I get to go home at 4:30 p.m. This career path doesn't have me working around the clock.

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

The people! I have made some amazing friends and work with a great team. I also love helping people and changing the face of government. We work hard and with the public, helping them achieve their goals

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

I was never attracted to Nelson, however, over time, I have found it impossible to leave because the people with whom I work. It is a very beautiful area with so much to do both indoors and outside. Anyone with a bit of "hippy" in them feels at home here.

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

I'm married to a man who loves to ski, so now I love to ski too – downhill and cross-country. I am addicted to hiking, in the summer and in the winter with snow shoes. Travel is another love of mine. With this job I can afford big trips every couple of years with plenty of vacation time, allowing me to take time off without feeling guilty.