

Margareta Boivin

Margareta came to us with an outstanding resume. She is truly multi-talented academically, and artistically. She has not one, not two, not three, but *four* university degrees. She graduated from the University of Windsor in 2002 with a Bachelor of Computer Science, in 2010 with an Honours Degree in Visual Arts, Art History & Visual Culture, in 2013 with an Honours Degree in Political Science and minor in Philosophy, and most recently graduated from Dalhousie University in 2018 with a Master of Planning. She also studied architecture and building science technology for 2 years at The British Columbia Institute for Technology.

In addition to these academic achievements she is a highly regarded exhibition artist with a specialty in painting and filmmaking. Many of her works have been featured in Canadian Journals.

Think you're impressed now? Margareta also worked for the Royal Canadian Navy for 9 years where she sailed on the Atlantic Ocean and to The Arctic while working as a Naval Combat Information Officer.

Margareta found herself showing off her Planning skills at Village on Main from April to August 2017 as a Co-op student as part of the Masters in Planning program.

Margareta decided to work for the Village on Main after initially contemplating the reasons why she might want to look for a different job due to the accessibility and walkability issues. Rather than letting this deter her, she decided that this would be the perfect challenge and make her feel truly satisfied and showcase her talents when the issues were solved. We're glad she chose us!

Reviewing and interpreting land-use by-laws into visual form for the final touches on our [Developers Handbook](#) (created by [Andrew Scanlan Dickie](#)), creating a popular concept for a community park that is used in our new [Public Space Survey](#), working along developers and city planners, preparing background reports for streetscapes and public realm project, conducting research and analyzing statistical data on public transportation, creating posters, and working on the [Age-friendly Community Plan](#) were all a part of her duties.

We were happy to know that Margareta was just as impressed with us as we were with her. She nominated The Village on Main for the Co-op Employer of the Year Award. While we didn't come in first, we finished as a finalist and deeply appreciate the sentiment.

We wish Margareta all the best in her future endeavours. It was an absolute treat to have her work with us.