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I first became interested in planning issues while attending the University of British Columbia, where I completed a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Geography. My studies focused on urban geography, as well as courses that dealt with environmental and social sustainability. Following graduation I returned to Nova Scotia to complete my Master of Planning at Dalhousie University. Although my interests in planning cover a wide range of issues, the effectiveness and availability of public space in urban areas is a topic that I would like to explore more thoroughly. In the fall I will enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the MPlan program, at which time I will examine opportunities for reclaiming urban residential street as public space, while also addressing the needs of motorists. In my leisure time I enjoy a variety of sports, such as soccer and swimming, and spending time enjoying the outdoors.

