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Patrick first became interested in planning issues during his time at Simon Fraser University where he completed studies in economics, politics, community development and sustainability. Following graduation, he became involved in the

Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA) International Youth Program, where he worked as a Planning Officer for the Alternative Planning Initiative (Alterplan) in Manila, Philippines. Alterplan's work is concerned with the consequences of rapid urban economic development, such as human displacement, informal settlement patterns and the provision of social housing and services. Currently Patrick is focusing on issues of sustainable transportation in Canada, and the efforts and strategies to overcome the dependence on the private automobile. This fall, Patrick will enter his 2nd year of the MPlan program, where he plans to study the opportunities of re-introducing streetcars to urban Halifax. Patrick is an active member of student organizations and spends his free time enjoying the outdoors.



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