

*“I didn’t have a game plan for when I finished university, I was open to anything. I moved to Perth County because that’s where I received my best job offer. Initially, it was just about the job. But I’ve discovered that it has this amazing sense of community, and it’s become my home. I really like my job and my life here.”*



## Discovering community

When asked what he likes the most about living in his new home of Listowel, Garrett is quick to explain that, “It has to be the laid-back atmosphere.”

Garrett’s main criteria when looking for a job after graduating from university was somewhere that would allow and demonstrate good life-work balance.

“The general vibe of firms in large cities is that everyone is looking out for number one. That’s just not who I am. I enjoy working together as a team and building people up as individuals. Sure, I want to succeed, but I want that for everyone that I work with, too. It’s so refreshing to have that sense of community and friendship not just in my office, but also in my town.”

“It’s always a bit of a weird transition moving from your hometown or university to wherever you get your first professional job. But when there is a strong, tight-knit community like this one, it’s easy to feel at home here.” ■



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