

"I jumped at the chance to come back home to Perth County. The opportunity available here is hard to find anywhere else in Ontario. There is a solid industry base that keeps expanding and adding more jobs. Luckily, the housing market hasn't succumbed to the madness of the areas close by. I'm in my early 20s and owning a home—a nice home—is feasible in the near future for me here."



GREG

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Engineering a lifestyle

"In a word, Perth County is home," smiled 24-year-old Greg.

Growing up on a farm in Perth South, the mechanical engineer yearned to return to his rural roots after graduating from Carleton University.

"Job prospects, active living opportunities and the affordable cost of living were all things that I factored into wanting to come back to Perth County," explained Greg. "I like that feeling of space that you can only find in a rural community. Perth South is an ideal place to live because I can have that space, but I'm still close to London and the Kitchener-Waterloo area, making it an easy and scenic drive to events and conveniences without being bothered by everything that comes with large population sizes."

Greg offered some advice to other young professionals in engineering.

"Don't limit yourself to only looking at jobs in large cities. The variety of products that you'll find being made in smaller centres is amazing. My company builds everything from humanoid robot frames to supercar roll cages to airplanes. The opportunities in the engineering field are limitless."

"If living in the country is important to you like it is to me, you can absolutely find a great career right here or very close by and live here. Moving back to Perth County was the best decision I ever made." ■