

"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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