

## Bonnie Fenrick, A.Sc.T.



Bonnie Fenrick's career has evolved over 23 years in the construction industry. From a junior tech, to a home designer, then a self-employed Designer / Draftsperson and currently as a Manager of Warranty Services at Saskatchewan New Home Warranty Program, a 1997 graduate of the Architectural and Building program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic Moose Jaw Campus, and a registered professional with Technology Professionals Saskatchewan for 23 years, Bonnie shares her story.

*"I have always been interested in the design of buildings. As a child, my sisters and I spent hours changing sheds and storage spaces in our childhood home into our "apartments" where we would hang out when not "working" at our dress design shop (or sometimes for a change of pace, a secretary for a law firm)."*

*"As my education continued, I became intrigued by the connection between design and structure. This led to my obtaining a diploma in Architectural Engineering Technology from SIAST in Moose Jaw. The program was a co-operative one and when I graduated in 1997, I began my career where I had my final job placement with an architect firm in Regina."*

*"As a Junior Draftsperson, my passion has always been on the residential side, so in 1998 I found my dream job as a designer*

*for a local home builder. There, I enjoyed designing new homes, improving on existing house plans while learning all about the construction process, estimating costs, and project management throughout the building process."*

*"After 8 years of full time employment and bringing two beautiful daughters into the world, I decided to take the plunge into self-employment. Over the course of 12 years, I worked from home running my own business - designing additions, renovations, new homes, as-built drawings, and other projects as they came along. I also worked with the Saskatchewan New Home Warranty Program, providing conciliations for new homes. As the market changed and my daughters grew up, the move back to full time employment led me to a permanent position as the Manager of Warranty Services at the Saskatchewan New Home Warranty Program. My current position requires me to use the construction knowledge I've gained over my years of previous experience as well as expanding into conflict resolution, communication among many other areas."*

*"I truly enjoy the work that I do and the flexibility that working for myself allowed me to have while raising a family and still remain viable in my industry."*