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My husband and I have two teenage girls who keep us very busy with their activities. My girls have both been in hockey and other sports for several years so we spend a lot of time at the rink or gym watching them play. And, because we don't get enough hockey already, my husband and I have season tickets to the Pats games. We do enjoy our hockey!

My favorite quote is "If you always do what you did, you will always get what you got". Life and work change and we need to be ready to change along with it. Sometimes we get stuck in a rut and must take a hard look at what we are doing and how we are doing it to get out of that rut.

My transition from school to work was pretty easy. The technology programs are so great at preparing students for the work world that it's a reasonably smooth transition. Having the hands-on training provided by technology programs gave me a really great foundation to start work in my field.

My super power would have to be mind reading! As a Project Manager, it would come in very handy to be able to understand what everyone on my team was thinking as well as what my contractors were thinking. On second thought, I may not really want to know....

As a child, I spent a lot of time with my dad building and repairing things. We moved a lot and there was always a basement to finish or a cabin to build. I always enjoyed the problem-solving part of that work. In high school, I took drafting in grades 10, 11 and 12. I really enjoyed the class and when I spoke to my drafting teacher he recommended I look at taking Drafting Technology. I completed a 2-year diploma in Engineering Design and Drafting Technology.

I worked for the City of Melfort for a couple of summers as a student and in consulting in Saskatoon for a couple of years after that. I then moved to Regina where I worked for on oil exploration company for a few years. I met my future husband in Regina and have followed him for his work to different cities including Weyburn, where I worked for a pipeline company and Moose Jaw, where I worked for the City of Moose Jaw. My background in technology opened up a lot of opportunities for me in many areas.

I am presently working in the consulting industry as an Acting Group Manager with Associated Engineering in Regina where I have been for the last 13 years. Associated Engineering has given me a lot of freedom to follow a career path that has lead me from field work, drawing production, design work, and into project management. I have learned so much working in the consulting industry and truly enjoy my work.