



I Am Dufferin: Employee Highlight

Featuring Jessica Jones of Waste Services



Name: Jessica Jones

Hometown: Elora, Ontario

Position: Waste Services Assistant

Department: Public Works, Waste Services

Jessica Jones has an anti-waste mindset, and while her job is extremely busy, she enjoys all of the challenges that come with it.

Education: Jessica has finished two out of five years of her undergraduate degree in Geography and Environmental Studies, at the University of Waterloo. She's enrolled in the co-operative education program and this is her second placement. Prior to working at Dufferin County, she worked in Public Works at the Region of Peel.

Hobbies/Interests: Cooking, baking, biking, hiking, exploring new places, traveling, star-gazing, watching sunsets and reading.

Favourite Place in Dufferin County: Reading a book with a London Fog at Mochaberry Coffee & Co. on Broadway.

Favourite Part of Job: Since Jessica walked into the doors of 55 Zina Street, she has been warmly welcomed.

"My colleagues in Waste Services trust and respect me. My hard work and efforts are acknowledged and praised, resulting in an overall healthy and happy working environment."

Community Impacts: As recently as Saturday, October 24, she was involved in the Hazardous and Electronic Waste Event at Orangeville Operations Centre. During Waste Reduction Week, from October 19—23, she presented the '3R's' (reduce, reuse, recycle) to 17 classrooms at eight different schools, read books at two libraries and brought a vermicomposter to two early childhood daycare centres.

"I believe this to be my most notable achievement with Dufferin County, because I was able to educate not only the students, but teachers and other staff members."

Causes Jessica Cares About: Being active outdoors, living simplistically, and eating healthy and local food.

"I would highly recommend researching the 'Love Food, Hate Waste' campaign."