



**Municipality of the County of Kings**  
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## Media Release

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### MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS TO WELCOME NEW CLIMATE CHANGE CO-ORDINATOR

**KINGS COUNTY, NS:** The Municipality of the County of Kings is pleased to announce that Emily Kennedy has been selected to fill the role of Climate Change Co-ordinator for Kings. We welcome Emily. The challenges and goals of Emily's position include, but are not limited to:

- Reviewing internal Municipal operations to identify potential areas to improve climate resilience and GHG reductions;
- Prepare workplace and cost projections recommendations for consideration and implementation by Senior Management;
- Develop a climate change policy for Council's consideration, outlining how the Municipality intends to adapt to climate change.

Emily brings to her new position an extensive background across a variety of management roles prior to completing a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Environmental Sustainability Studies at Acadia University. After graduating, she pursued a Master of Arts in International Development: Poverty Conflict and Reconstruction from the University of Manchester and has spent several years in Eastern and Western Africa where she worked with youth in environmental education initiatives. This work led Emily to co-founding the Youth in Agriculture Initiative – a social enterprise aimed at assisting young Eastern Ugandans start agricultural businesses. Through her work in setting up this project, Emily gained international recognition in 2017 through the awarding the inaugural Nudge Global Impact Award at the Peace Palace in The Hague.

Since returning to Canada, Emily has taught at Acadia University and launched the Valley Connector Program as a staff member of the Valley Regional Enterprise Network in September 2018. The Connector Program has helped students and newcomers build their professional networks throughout the Annapolis Valley region.

Emily's passion for sustainable, inclusive communities extends beyond her work life. She serves as a Director of the Board for Community INC in addition to volunteering with Burger Wars and the Kentville Girl Guides.

"We are proud to say that Climate Change and mitigation measures are a part of our Key Strategic Priorities as a municipal government. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, as an acknowledgment of this, is providing funding assistance for our Climate Change Coordinator position. Emily Kennedy has emerged as the preferred applicant from a rigorously competitive process. We believe that Emily has the

accumulated skill-set and background to provide us with meaningful input. It is, of course, a fortunate bonus that Emily is already residing in and dedicated to the Kings Region.” said Mayor Peter Muttart.

When asked what she is most looking forward to, Emily replied “I’m excited to join an organization so committed to strategically addressing climate change and the mitigation of its impacts in progressive, innovative and sustainable ways. In my mind, rural municipalities should be at the forefront of this work. We can be leaders in food security, growing green energy, reducing emissions, supporting coastal communities and reducing climate-related hazards and risks. I can’t wait to begin working on initiatives that will ensure people can continue to enjoy the quality of life we know and love throughout the Kings Region for generations to come.”

Kennedy will begin her new role with the Municipality of the County of Kings on September 9, 2019.

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