

## STAFF PROFILE - KRIS SCHLAGINTWEIT



Kris Schlagintweit moved north after graduating from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Architecture. Back then, Kris saw the tremendous potential of the North and still sees that potential today.

Kris began working for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation in 1993 in Construction Services, Operations Division in Yellowknife. She has held the position of Manager, Construction Services and was recently Acting Manager of Design. Her days are filled with evaluating proposed housing designs, suggesting modifications, undertaking research, and coordinating construction related issues with the primary goal of energy efficient, practical housing layouts built for northerners. The combination of her roles has brought valuable perspectives to the Corporation's building programs. Kris enjoys brainstorming with her colleagues as it creates a dynamic work atmosphere and generates a flow of ideas within Construction Services.

Kris values her travels to and working with communities and with the Corporation's District Offices. She appreciates the challenges of actual housing delivery and feels that knowing the reality of living in Corporation assisted housing is valuable. "To me, the key to meeting the Corporation's challenges is for Corporation staff at all levels to spend time in the communities, and with the people who make the delivery happen such as

the Local Housing Organizations, and District Offices."

"Delivering appropriate housing solutions" is easy to say - yet it remains a challenge. Kris believes that working with community members to make the design and delivery of housing culturally relevant in an economically evolving territory will help the Corporation meet the North's housing challenges.

From a construction perspective, Kris believes the Corporation will continue to be challenged to provide affordable housing to individual families, and to respond to the need for larger facilities such as seniors' housing. "Housing is really one of the basic necessities. Developing the full potential of individuals and as responsible members of communities really begins with suitable housing".

Kris appreciates the distinctive corporate culture at the Corporation. "It encourages innovative solutions, at all levels, which keeps work exciting and employees motivated."