

# ALYSIA QUIRKE

**“...believing that the dots will connect somewhere down the road, will give you the confidence to follow your heart, even when it leads you off the well worn path. And that will make all the difference.”**

**-Steve Jobs-**



Alysia Quirke is from Montreal, Quebec and moved to Toronto in May of 2010. She is currently pursuing a degree in Disaster & Emergency Management, which draws on her studies at McGill University as well as her current studies at York University. Throughout her university career, Alysia has continually achieved high grades. She has always been dedicated to her studies and her work outside of York. Working while in school has allowed her to apply extensive course theories to various work environments. Since May of 2011, Alysia has been working at the Regional Municipality of York as their Emergency Planning student and will continue to do so into the summer of 2012. Working at the Municipality has provided her with excellent hands on experience of the emergency management field, especially her work in the response to the Sutton fire that took place this past July in the Town of Georgina.

## **What are your future ambitions?**

As I will be graduating in May of 2012, I want to further my education by pursuing the Masters in Disaster and Emergency Management here at York University. I plan to continue my career in disaster and emergency management as I have developed a passion for the field and am excited to see what the future holds for this growing discipline.

## **When you're not working, where can we find you and doing what?**

During the school year if I'm not working then I'm at home, at my desk, studying. In the summer, though, I can be found at the lake fishing and swimming or at the mall shopping!

## **Thing you just can't live without?**

A poutine from Montreal. There is nothing like fresh cut fries, cheese curds, and gravy from a downtown restaurant!