

VICTORIA NEWS

Please consider Jane Skrypnek for the Shelley Fralic Award

Jane Skrypnek's integrity, professionalism and dedication to the industry is unparalleled and something we don't often see in new journalists.

During her time with Victoria News she covered a number of complex, sensitive subjects ranging from high-profile court cases, sexual assault victims and interviews with residential school survivors.

She has covered all of these topics with a grace and compassion that cannot be taught but that has made these people feel comfortable enough to open up to her. Our readership trusts her to get their stories right and that is something that is rare in this day and age of 'fake news.'

It shows her commitment to community news and creating content that betters the community. She isn't afraid to hold policy makers to task nor is she shy in her persistence that can be required to craft some of these long form stories.

While she has an incredible knack for investigative and in-depth journalism, she can also handle herself without hesitation while covering council and other municipal affairs, community groups, or individuals making small but tangible differences in our community.

Jane also shines while covering early morning breaking news. She can run out to a scene with no notice or information and as soon as she arrives, she starts gathering information, posting tidbits on social media to engage our audience, and gets the sources she needs to build out the file.

Whether it is finding sources through different online platforms, reporting breaking news from the scene on our newsroom's social media accounts, or building out stories with different multimedia graphics, she has a strong understanding of how the digital and print products work in tandem to support each other.

Thank you for your consideration,
Katherine Engqvist
Greater Victoria bureau chief

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