

To Whom It May Concern,

During the summer of 2005, it was my unmitigated pleasure to work with Natasha Botha, a recent graduate of the journalism school at SAIT, who came to work for a summer contract at the *Fairview Post*.

As editor of the *Post*, I worked closely with Natasha on a daily basis. During those four months, she wrote articles on a wide variety of subjects, took photographs and helped me design a weekly newspaper in a vibrant community of 2,700 people.

Over the course of that summer, Natasha constantly impressed me with her hard work, her enthusiasm and her willingness to learn. Natasha was not one to shy away from any task, and could be counted on to work diligently and enthusiastically on anything asked of her.

One of the best things about working with Natasha is her quick wit. Her gentle humour and easy smile brighten up the workplace. Natasha quickly became an indispensable part of our newsroom, and the staff of the paper felt a great deal of sadness when her contract ended.

A few months later, when it came time for me to leave the *Fairview Post*, publisher Scott Fitzpatrick asked me if I could think of anyone who would be able to take on the duties of editor after I left. Natasha was the only person who I felt comfortable recommending.

She took over as editor of the *Fairview Post* in January, 2006, and has continued to excel as a journalist.

I cannot recommend anyone more highly than Natasha Botha. She is capable of taking on any challenge given to her and would be an asset to any newsroom or business.

Sincerely,
Olav Rokne



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