**Bio – Ben Peterson, B.A. (Hon.), M.A.**

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Ben Peterson (he/they) is a third year medical student at Dalhousie University. He is a queer settler raised in Saint John, New Brunswick. He holds a Bachelor’s of Arts in Architectural History and Theory from Carleton University in Ottawa and a Master’s of Arts in Art History from Concordia University in Montréal. Ben has worked in both Houses of Parliament as well as for provincial and municipal government agencies.

Ben transitioned careers in 2020— this was born out of a desire to work more closely with people and so as to stop writing subsidy cheques for commercial landlords, which was a bothersome part of the work he was doing at the time. Ben wants to practice medicine in a *public* healthcare system— nothing more, nothing less. Ben wants to provide healthcare to all sorts of people, but especially trans people and gender-creative kids.

Their hobbies include cycling and running. Ben also likes to volunteer for the Medical School as well as in the community. He has spent five years on the board of directors for a local artist-run-centre which exhibits an annual festival that attracts thousands of people to the city centre. Ben also portrays several clownish characters at an annual summer camp for kids and teens with diabetes under the (very cool) camp moniker “Clipz.”