



Get to know your Port of Anacortes...

Meet Ilona Stenclakova!



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Ilona was hired to the Facilities team as the first full time Custodian in an effort enhance the cleanliness and maintenance of our facilities, especially in the buildings with public access.

Originally from the Czech Republic, with stops all over the globe, she brings with her a wide variety of work experience, including 5 Star Resorts, that blends in well with the Port's Operational goals and objectives. We work every day on becoming world class and improving the customer and guest experience, and Ilona has been committed to both of those goals since her first day on the job. She has quickly established herself as a valued team member who is well liked and respected by staff, customers and guests alike.

Despite being with the Port less than a year, she has already recommended and delivered numerous improvements in our Facilities maintenance that has led to improved efficiencies and cleaner spaces. Her pride in workmanship and attention to detail are outstanding, and we challenge anyone to find a moment where Ilona is not in constant motion making the Port a better place!

Q & A with Ilona:

I came to this area just by an accident. I traveled to NZ, where I met my husband. He is an American. After that, we traveled to Canada, but my husband couldn't stay there with me and I couldn't live in the USA. So we decided to stay on the west coast. He found a job in Ferndale, and I was working in Whistler. Later I was able to join him.

What are a few of your hobbies? I like skiing and hiking.

Do you have a motto or a favorite saying? If so, what it is? Yes, I have one. Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.

What is the furthest you have traveled? I am still on Mars. My name is on the board of NASA Perseverance Mars Rover.

What never fails to make you laugh? Good Czech humor.

What motivates you to work hard? I'm self-starter and I like to listen to the people like David Googins or Greg Plitt.

What is the one thing about you that would surprise people? I like extreme sports.