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To my valued patient


Sincerest greetings



As my time under contract with the Northern Health Authority approaches its terminus, I write to notify you that December 16, 2022 will be my final day of medical practice in the communities of Fort St James, Nak'azdli, Binche, Tl'azt'en and Middle River.

I consider myself incredibly fortunate to have been afforded the opportunity to serve you here. My time in this place has been very formative and, indeed, Fort St James has become a wonderful home to me and my family.

Reading this notice may understandably evoke concerns about the continued provision of local medical care.  Know that the Northern Health Authority and First Nation Health Authority carry this mandate and to this effect it is gratifying to communicate that two new physicians will be joining the Fort St James Medical Clinic in the Spring of 2023.  In addition, the First Nation Health Authority is developing an innovative multidisciplinary health and wellness center to augment the needs of the community.  Also be aware that your talented and dedicated fellow citizens who comprise the Fort St James Primary Care Society stand alongside you to continue the day-to-day operation of the Fort St James Medical Clinic including its same-day Acute Care Clinic services.  For those so inclined, virtual healthcare, including both nursing and physician assessment, can additionally be accessed by calling 8-1-1 or online by visiting www.healthlinkbc.ca/virtual-physician

I will leave this place forever impacted and, although I do not yet know where my journey will take me, the significance of my time here is such that the communities of Fort St James, Nak'azdli, Binche, Tl'azt'en and Middle River form the benchmark against which I will compare any future practice.

Once again I want to thank you for the opportunity I have had to serve you here.



Yours in health,


Dr Gretchen Snyman, MD CFPC



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