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LONG-TIME APSLEY FAMILY DOCTOR TO RETIRE

Peterborough Family Health Team continues to recruit new family doctors to the City & County of Peterborough

APSLEY, ON – On June 30, 2017 the community of Apsley will bid farewell to a long-time family physician, Dr. Wagdy Rayes. The community and Peterborough Family Health Team (PFHT) are very grateful for the care and compassion he has provided to patients for the past 40 years.

Dr. Rayes will be closing his practice at the Apsley Medical Centre on Burleigh Street, where he has supported many patients and has become embedded in the community. Until June 30, patients looking for care will be supported by his reception staff who will direct patients to the *Extended Hours Service* offered by the Greater Peterborough Family Health Organization (FHO). Furthermore, the nurse practitioner and other allied health professionals working alongside Dr. Rayes will provide care to patients until his retirement date of June 30.

“In recognizing the importance of primary care in your community we are committed and have made it a priority to find you a family doctor,” says Lori Richey, Executive Director of Peterborough Family Health Team. “The new physician will work within the same *Family Health Team* model of care as Dr. Rayes which will give you the patient, the opportunity to receive wholesome care from our allied health professionals.”

In the meantime PFHT continues to seek temporary coverage, even part time if required, to close the gap in care while the residents wait for the new physician. We will endeavor to keep you informed during this transition period.

At such a time when a new family doctor begins, PFHT is pleased to announce that the Nurse Practitioner Hub will be integrated into this practice to provide all patients of Apsley with this team based approach to primary healthcare.

“Dr. Rayes has been a wonderful physician in our community. He has touched the lives and hearts of all of us in some way and for the past 40 years has always put the patient first,” says Mayor Rick Woodcock, Township of North Kawartha. “The Township has worked very well with Dr. Rayes and will continue a supportive relationship with a new family physician.”

Dr. Rayes has spent the end of his career practicing under the Family Health Team model within the Greater Peterborough FHO, which allows his patients the opportunity to receive a variety of services to meet their primary healthcare needs. The team based approach includes

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the benefit of other allied health professionals such as mental health clinicians, nurse practitioners, registered dietitians and pharmacists. Patients also have access to services and programs that can lead to better health outcomes and living a more wholesome life.

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