



## MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 30, 2024

To: All BCEHS Employees

Re: Passing of Anne Marie Gibb



We are saddened to share that our friend and colleague, Anne Marie Gibb, has died. Anne Marie passed away at home in Nanaimo on Monday, January 29, 2024.

Anne Marie served in several communities on Vancouver Island during her career with BCEHS. She began working at Station 131 in Sayward in 2017 before transferring into Station 159 in Ladysmith the following year. In December 2019, she moved to Station 120, Nanaimo South, where she became full-time in April 2023.

Anne Marie will be remembered by her colleagues for her kindness, her pride for her work, and her passionate advocacy for her patients. She was a cherished and loyal friend to many, and her vibrant, joyful personality will be dearly missed.

Outside of work, Anne Marie enjoyed spending time in nature, including daily swims in the ocean yearround that were a testament to her strong, resilient personality. She was a dedicated animal advocate, sharing

information about animals in need of adoption and showcasing her beloved cats on social media. Her absence leaves a void that will be felt deeply by everyone who was fortunate enough to know her.

More information on Anne Marie's celebration of life will be shared when it becomes available.

As we mourn Anne Marie, please do not forget to take care of yourself. The death of a colleague can impact people in different ways, and if you would like to talk to someone about your feelings, the below resources are confidential and available to all BC Emergency Health Services employees.

- 1. The Critical Incident Stress Management offers peer and/or professional counselling support, and may be reached at 1.855.969.4321.
- 2. Our **Employee and Family Assistance Program, Homewood Health**, is also available for additional support. You may connect to this resource by phone at **1.800.663.1142** or online at <u>https://homeweb.ca/</u>.

Our thoughts are with Anne Marie's family, friends, and with all of you who knew her. Please look after yourselves during this tragic time and do not hesitate to seek support at any point.

Sincerely,

Leanne Heppell Chief Ambulance Officer BC Emergency Health Services Jason Jackson President Ambulance Paramedics of BC, CUPE Local 873