

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **District of Taylor Medical Clinic Discontinuation of Services**

At the September 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, Mayor and Council formally received written notice from the North Peace Primary Care Clinic to discontinue services at the Taylor Medical Clinic, effective October 1, 2022. The North Peace Primary Care Clinic is shifting to a different funding model from the aforementioned date, and with this change, the North Peace Primary Care Clinic does not believe it to be practical to continue to provide services at the Taylor Medical Clinic.

The Taylor Medical Clinic opened in 2009, offering in-person patient care until 2014 when the model was transitioned to telehealth services provided by Livecare. In 2017, the District of Taylor entered into a partnership agreement with the North Peace Primary Care Clinic which was renewed annually to provide in-person patient care. Since 2009 the District of Taylor has subsidized the cost of operations with the exception of the physicians.

Although the District of Taylor is investigating alternative operating models, the Taylor Medical Clinic will be closed for service effective October 1, 2022.

"I'm disappointed that we weren't able to work out some kind of a contract with the clinic uptown to extend our clinic in Taylor. The doctors have changed the way they want to do their business. They just feel they don't have the time to come to Taylor anymore. We've worked for a long time and tried many different models and it's just too difficult to keep this clinic open."

-Mayor Rob Fraser on behalf of the District of Taylor Council

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