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## **Deputy Chief Public Health Officer Opportunity**

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories



## Live. Work. Expand Your Opportunities.

Are you a Public Health Physician looking for a change of pace in a city with small-town charm and big-city amenities? Are you intrigued by the idea of five-minute work commutes and wilderness adventures just outside your door? Does a generous salaried contract with benefits and without the hassles of a fee-for-service practice appeal to you?

Then come North to live, work, and expand your opportunities in the Northwest Territories.

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#### **Public Health in the Northwest Territories**

Yellowknife is the capital city of the Northwest Territories (NWT), and within our small urban centre you have access to shopping, festivals, recreational facilities, team sports, restaurants and so much more. Our airport operates daily flights to keep us connected to the rest of Canada and we have year-round road access to Alberta.

We are currently looking for a **permanent Deputy Chief Public Health Officer** to help monitor and assess the health in a unique Northern environment, within the culturally diverse population of the Northwest Territories.

Typically these positions require a Medical Degree and must be eligible for licensure to

practice in the Northwest Territories, plus; a Masters in Health Sciences or Public Health. Specialty qualifications in Public Health and Preventative Medicine would be an asset. A minimum of 3 (three) years experience in public health with responsibility for the development, implementation, and evaluation of Public Health programs; and health promotion and disease prevention is required.

The Deputy Chief Public Health Officer will work closely with the Territorial Medical Director and the Chief Public Health Officer. The successful incumbent will be responsible for carrying out legislated requirements under the Public Health Act and other Acts and related regulations. The incumbent will work with and provide direction to managers and health professionals, be an active community medicine consultant, be responsible for monitoring and assessing the health of Northwest Territories communities, and advocate on behalf of the public's health.

As the Deputy Chief Public Health Officer you will assess issues and communicate decisions affecting the health of the public. You will play a central role in monitoring and assessing the health of the public, and you will be required to make decisions in critical situations. You will investigate and mitigate risks to human health, and develop policies and programs. As the communicator, collaborator and advocate for public health you will champion actions to improve and protect the health of the public. Your expertise will shine during your roles as an educator, developer, and translator of public health knowledge.

Come and enjoy a fulfilling practice, an invigorating community, and a supportive Public Health team.

## **Compensation & Benefits**

NWT physicians are provided with a unique salaried contract, with one of the **best compensation packages** in the country!

## Benefits for a full-time Deputy Chief Public Health Officer in Yellowknife include:

- Unique salaried contract, with one, two, and three-year options
  - Annual salary
  - Annual northern living allowance
  - Recruitment bonus
  - Annual retention bonus
  - Retirement income benefits
- No overhead, practice management, or billing with salaried contract
- Liability, travel, and malpractice insurance costs covered
- 100% of Northwest Territories CMPA Membership Fees Covered
- Paid vacation, starting at 26.5 days per year
- Paid sick leave, starting at 18 days per year
- · Paid maternal / parental leave benefits
- Support for professional fees and educational materials (\$4,000 per year)
- Continued medical education support for travel and reimbursement of expenses (10-15 days, \$9,500 \$12,250 per year depending on practice range)
- Relocation assistance
- Group benefits, including dental, extended health, life, AD&D, and disability

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## **Living Here**

Located above the 60th parallel, the Northwest Territories awaits with seemingly endless lakes and unmatched vistas. Home to approximately 43,000 people in 33 communities, the Northwest Territories is over 1.34 million square kilometers in size.

On the shores of Great Slave Lake lies the capital city of Yellowknife (population 19,600). The 'urban' centre of the territory, Yellowknife boasts all the amenities of a big city, while maintaining its small town charm, with outdoor wilderness adventures just minutes away.

With easy access to nature and long summer days, our physicians and their families take full advantage of the overnight, weekend, and week-long paddling, sailing, and camping opportunities available to them. Music and festival lovers can enjoy the always eagerly anticipated Folk on the Rocks Music Festival, the Ramble and Ride Festival, and the weekly Farmer's Market at City Hall throughout the summer. Fishing enthusiasts will never be short of new lakes to explore, golfers can tee-off under the midnight sun, and white-water paddling lovers can spend a glorious August weekend at the Slave River Paddlefest in Fort Smith to enjoy our world-class rapids.



Yellowknife winters welcome the stunning northern lights, along with a whole new host of family-friendly activities and adventures. This includes exploring endless frozen lakes and trails for skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and even biking, as part of our every-growing fat bike community. In March, the doors to the world-famous Snow Castle on Great Slave Lake open to the public, with the Long-John Jamboree taking place just outside the castle walls.



Need a break from the outdoors? Northerners are renowned for their innovative spirit, especially during the cold winter months, so there's never a shortage of things to do. Indoor activities include including dance, arts, choir, and theatre community organizations, the Dead North Film Festival, and local and international theatre and music performances at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre. Our welcoming residents also love their pot-lucks and cozy get-togethers, with an active board games community (and board game store) for some quality friends and family time.

Year round, Yellowknife is host to dozens of delicious dining opportunities ranging from Thai, to Korean, to Japanese, to Ethiopian. Beer aficionados can try out some our locally brewed beers at the Woodyard in Old Town. Yellowknife has an indoor running track, three ice-rinks, a 25-metre swimming pool, a climbing wall, a curling rink, and two indoor fields. There are also a variety of gyms, yoga, and boxing classes. For the team sports enthusiast, you can easily fill your days playing in any number of leagues including slopitch, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, hockey, basketball... just to name a few. And the individual and team sports options available for youth are even more extensive!

Whether you're moving to Yellowknife on your own, or with your family, Yellowknife has you covered as an amazing, welcoming place to live and work year-round!