Sent on behalf of Emma Tully, Assistant Dean DAE

Dear Colleagues,

As some of you may already be aware, Marie Labitté, Development Officer, is leaving us later this month to return to France. Marie has been such a wonderful member of the DAE team and colleague to us all and we are so very sorry to see her go. However, rest assured, it is not because the baguettes, coffee, chocolate and red wine are simply much better in France but because both she and her partner, Adrian, have sick family members they must attend to.

Marie, has asked that I share this so you know her story and the reason for her departure. Her mum, and Adrian's, have both developed Alzheimer's in recent years and managing this from Vancouver has simply become too much. I know there are many that manage dependents as well as juggling the rest of life and will understand this.

Marie's last day with us will be April 29<sup>th</sup> and we will be arranging a coffee get-together before she departs so stay tuned for details on that, or please drop by to see Marie (Tue, Wed, Thurs) before her departure.

All the best, Emma