



With great sadness we advise you of the passing of our Board Chair, Tom Carson, on November 15, 2022. Tom joined the Board in January 2004 and assumed the role of Chair in April 2006.

His vision and passionate belief that the arts could transform the patient experience inspired us all. He led with the utmost integrity, intelligence, and care. Every project put forward that might make one patient or staff feel better about their day, was endorsed with enthusiasm.

He loved the live music program, Art at the Bedside, and the Art in Hospital donation program. He loved the arts in all their forms and personally knew the difference they could make in healthcare. But beyond understanding the magnitude of difference the arts could make, he dedicated his time and knowledge to this without reservation.

To learn more about Tom and his life, please see the attached obituary, which ran in the Winnipeg Free Press on November 26.

Tom Carson will be dearly missed.





THOMAS EDWARD JOHN CARSON **SEPTEMBER 1, 1947 – November 15, 2022**

Published November 26, 2022, in the Winnipeg Free Press

It is with great sadness that the family of Tom Carson announces his passing on November 16 at age 75 after complications from his neuromuscular disease.

He is survived by his wife Louise, his son Scott (Gisella), his daughter Shannon (Sacha), his three grandchildren Hazel, Leah and Connor, brother Richard (Bev), nieces Michelle and Erin (Jim) including their children as well as numerous cousins and other family.

Tom was born in Winnipeg on September 1, 1947 to Gladys and Richard Carson. He attended school briefly in St James and then attended St John's Cathedral Boys School where his education extended to snowshoeing and paddling literally thousands of miles across Canada and into the United States. This experience gave him life skills of true leadership, compassion for others and a will not to give up. He got his Arts degree at the University of Manitoba where he became a member of the TKE fraternity and provided music and speakers for many a party. Tom made lifelong friends during these happy years. Tom was a career civil servant with the provincial government and rose to the ranks as Deputy Minister in Culture, Heritage and Recreation, Training and Advanced Education, Health as well as Culture, Heritage and Tourism. He was also appointed as Special Advisor to the Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism. This is where he developed his love for Culture and the Arts. Tom's interests and commitment to different organizations and being of service to others led him to sit on a number of boards including Artists in Healthcare Manitoba, the St. Boniface Hospital Board of Directors where he also served as Chair, as well as Chair of his condominium board. Tom was a loyal and enthusiastic fan of the Blue Bombers and the Winnipeg Jets and for several years he sent out a detailed spreadsheet analysis of each Jets game in preparation for the next one. This report went to hundreds of enthusiasts across Canada.

Above all else, Tom was a family man during his life. He never missed one of Scott's hockey games, even if he had to re-arrange meetings. He was equally supportive of dance and piano recitals for Shannon. When he was physically able to, he and Louise took their grandchildren to the movies, the symphony, children's theater and various sports events. Louise later continued and represented him at these events. Tom and Louise built their Lake of the Woods cottage to draw the family together and to create many fond memories. The grandchildren used to count "how many sleeps" until it was lake time. Holidays over the years took the family to France, the UK, Mexico, Hawaii and Brazil. Tom remained connected to his brother Rick over the miles by phone calls and facetime cocktail meetings as well as regular visits to both Winnipeg and the lake. As a husband, Tom was a loving partner who supported Louise in all ways. They would have celebrated their 51st anniversary in December. He never said no to art and jewelry purchases on their many trips abroad.

There will be a private internment for immediate family and in April 2023 a celebration of life will be planned with details provided at a later date.

If one so desires contributions can be made in two ways; with a cheque mailed to Artists in Healthcare MB #2-1325 Markham Road Wpg R3T 4J6 or go to: www.canadahelps.org/en and under 'Get Started: Find a Charity', search for 'Artists in Healthcare MB' and follow instructions. Thank you for this.

Until we meet again Tom.