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Ian Bos is drumming up support for palliative care groups across the country

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Ian Bos's journey is in memory of his father, Ted, who died of cancer in January. (supplied by Ian Bos)

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Ian's Walk for End of Life Care. 4:57

A cross-country walker who's in Thunder Bay today says he wants to get people thinking about the importance of end-of-life care.

Ian Bos is walking from New Glasgow, N.S. to Victoria, B.C., to raise funds for hospice palliative care.

The journey is in memory of his father, who died of cancer in January.

Bos, 39, said the solo trek was a challenge at first, but he has strong motivation.

"When you have so many people counting on you to do something, it really motivates you to not let anybody down," he said.

"It's not just my father ... it's palliative care and fellow Canadians across the country [who are] supporting this and I really want to do what I can."

Bos said his father received excellent care from their local palliative care society.

His goal is to raise \$25,000 for the Aberdeen Palliative Care Society in New Glasgow, which cared for his father, Ted Bos.

"We were so fortunate in our small community to actually have palliative care," he said.

"I wanted to say a thank you to them for all the amazing things they've done for our family."

Bos also hopes to raise money for the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, and provincial and local palliative care associations.

The cross-country walker hopes to reach Victoria in the fall.

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