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## IAN BOS: Meeting incredible people

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### UPDATE ON IAN BOS AND HIS WALK ACROSS CANADA FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

As I sit in my tent tonight, listening to the pitter patter of the light rain dance on my roof, I am filled with such energy from the last few days in Thunder Bay and from all the incredible people I had the pleasure of meeting and spending time with personally.

Hospice Northwest provides those facing end of life in Thunder Bay and surrounding areas with companionship, education, and support. Hospice Northwest is led by Joan Williams, who was inspired by the loss of her mother to get involved with palliative care, and she is a rare force of nature. Within the area, there is a strong community of palliative care specialists, such as Kathy Kortes-Miller, Chair of Hospice Northwest; Marg Poling, a pain management consultant; Holly Prince, who specializes in First Nations End of Life; and countless others who work together to provide better care and to push ahead with the conversation surrounding death. They all spoke passionately at the news conference and even more so at dinner afterwards; one of the most moving speeches came from volunteer John Glazier about his experiences and the gifts he has witnessed.

The conference was topped off by a moving video by Hospice Palliative Care Ontario (HPCO), in which hospices from southern Ontario offered their support for my walk. It is so incredibly humbling to have the backing of those you are trying to honor, and helping to advance their work is my primary goal.

Thunder Bay also marks the halfway point of my physical journey; I celebrated with a new pair of shoes and a new end for my walking stick. I hope you will continue to follow this journey and help support us in meeting our \$25,000 goal and spreading awareness.

Next week, I will share with you my wonderful experience visiting the Terry Fox Memorial and will tell you about a special man I had the honor to meet.

*Ian Bos is travelling across Canada to raise awareness and money for palliative care. Weekly along his trip he will be providing updates of his progress to The News.*



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Dinner with members of Hospice Northwest, the "Improving End-of-life Care in First Nations Communities" (EOLFN) research project, and many others in the Thunder Bay palliative care community.



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