



## Queensway Carleton Hospital mourns passing of President & CEO, Tom Schonberg

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It is with great sadness that Queensway Carleton Hospital announces the sudden passing of its President and CEO, Tom Schonberg.

With his wife by his side, Tom was rushed by ambulance to Queensway Carleton Hospital late Monday evening, and unfortunately he passed away shortly after.

As President and CEO of Queensway Carleton Hospital for 20 years, Tom was a steady, guiding hand, and deeply devoted leader -- steering the west-Ottawa hospital through many seasons of expansion and growth into the regional leader that it is today, admired and respected across Ottawa and surrounding regions, and in the province at large.

Tom was a tireless advocate for QCH, its staff and its patients, and was successful in laying the foundation for the hospital's single largest expansion since its inaugural year in 1976, including an upcoming, substantial expansion to its mental health services and space.

Honoured and respected by colleagues and peers, Tom Schonberg carried a mighty weight for the good of the community he called home. A man of integrity, respect and care, his achievements are due high praise, though his character never sought it. His pride in QCH ran deep, yet he led each step with humility.

The entire Queensway Carleton Hospital family offers their deepest condolences to Tom's family, Ene and Alex.

The Hospital's Board of Directors has appointed Leah Levesque as the acting Chief Executive Officer until a full and thoughtful selection process can be completed. Leah is the hospital's Vice President Patient Care and Chief Nurse Executive, and has been a healthcare leader for over 20 years.

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