

Remembering William Andrew Grieve

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Retired Chair Willie Grieve passes away at the age of 65

It is with profound sadness that we announce that our recently retired chair, Willie Grieve, passed away the evening of November 20, 2018.

Willie's care for individuals inside the AUC and out and his ceaseless support and spotlighting of the honour of public service were just some of the many facets of Willie that made him an inspiration to those at the AUC, and so well respected and liked.

With a remarkable intellect and common touch, and unparalleled work ethic, Willie was not only tremendously competent as the AUC's first permanent chair, but as a visionary that inspired the organization and many of its individual staff to accomplish extraordinarily challenging goals. Willie's imprint can be seen across the current state of utility regulation in Alberta and beyond. We at the AUC all have our own fond personal memories of Willie.

Willie was a remarkable leader at the AUC and within Alberta's regulatory sphere, but his service to the community went much further than that, including senior governance roles with the Canadian Association of Members of Public Utility Tribunals, MacEwan University, Concordia University College, Edmonton's Fringe Theatre Adventures, and the Edmonton Eclipse Junior A Lacrosse Club.

Willie's professional accomplishments were also outstanding. His formative time and role at the AUC followed a senior regulatory affairs role at TELUS Corp., being general counsel of the Saskatchewan Public Utilities Review Commission, as the special assistant to the federal minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, as an advisor to the government of Saskatchewan, chair of the Saskatchewan Communications Network, counsel to the Federal-Prairie Task Force on Telecommunications Regulation, a consultant to the Stentor Companies, and to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission. In December 2011, Willie was appointed a Queen's counsel for his outstanding contributions to the legal profession and to his community.

Willie was born in Penticton, British Columbia and grew up in Markham, Ontario. He received a B.A. in political science from Carleton University in 1979, an advanced certificate in political science from the University of Saskatchewan in 1981 and an LL.B. from the University of Saskatchewan in 1984.

We at the AUC will miss Willie greatly, his warm, friendly and caring personal nature, his innate intellectual curiosity, extraordinary analytical skills, commitment to honourable principles in life

and in work. While we are all diminished by his loss, we are better for the unparalleled example he set. Willie instilled a very special culture into us here at the AUC – a culture of fairness, responsibility, public service, discipline, intellectual rigour, innovation – it is what makes us what we are today and what will guide us into the future.

Sincerely,
Mark Kolesar
AUC Chair