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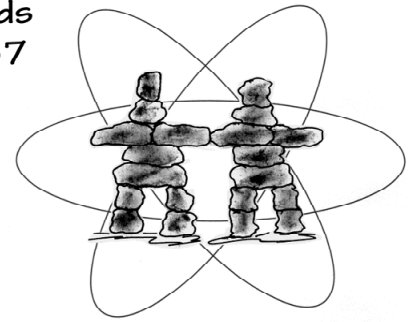
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Erwin:

We are with you in spirit and celebration. Congratulations.

For nearly two decades, you have been a friend and a colleague. And I have had the privilege of both observing and collaborating with you as a relentless, generous, creative advocate for inclusion.

Leaders in advocating for change are necessarily ahead of the curve, which means that the ideals and ideas they promote are seldom popular in the early beginnings. This also means that those few courageous individuals, and you are one of them Erwin, are seldom acknowledged and often cast aside.

But today is a special day because the tide has shifted because of your relentless work. The tide now trumpets inclusion, and today, even more important than this well deserved honour, the lives of thousands of people have been radically altered because of your work.

Lives of constraint are gradually becoming lives of contribution. Segregation is gradually moving to citizenship and inclusion.

That is your legacy Erwin. You have indeed made a difference – and the work has only just begun. Congratulations. An honour well deserved.

Jack Pearpoint
