

Douglas Tindal is an award-winning journalist, manager, actor, and recovering political staffer. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and a certificate in not-for-profit management. During his early career, Tindal contributed feature articles to many of Canada's largest magazines, including the *Canadian Magazine/Today*, *Imperial Oil Review*, *Quest*, *Financial Post Magazine*, *Epicure*, the *Observer*, and others. Most of these are now, sadly, defunct. No connection between his writing and their demise has ever been proven.

Tindal served as regional communication staff for the United Church of Canada (1981-88); national director of communications for the Anglican Church of Canada (1988-2001); and web producer of the American interfaith organization, Faithstreams (2001-2009). From 2009 until his retirement in 2016 he worked as communication director or chief of staff in various ministries of the Government of Ontario.

Tindal began his acting career with community theatre in Paris (no, Ontario) and the West End (no, Toronto). He has worked with Alumnae Theatre, Amicus Productions (of blessed memory), Paris Performers, Theatre Brantford, Theatre Etobicoke, Bloor West Village Players and the Highlands Summer Festival. Notable roles include McLeavy in *Loot*; Angus in *The Drawer Boy*; Powers in *Powers and Gloria*; and Geronte in *The Liar*. His ten-minute play, *A Wolf at the Oasis*, was selected for the 2019 Inspirato Festival.

In early 2016, Tindal and others began developing a model of coliving for people fifty-plus to age in place, in community. They called the venture "Wine on the Porch." They made several attempts with a succession of interested parties, but were unable to overcome the barriers associated with initiating such a development in downtown Toronto. (Along the way they met with hundreds of people who thought coliving was a "great idea!" but just "weren't ready.")

Oakview Coliving, established in June, 2023 in Algonquin Highlands, Ontario, brought the vision to life.

Meanwhile, in 2018, Tindal began writing a series of interconnected, character-driven short stories representing what might have happened if Wine on the Porch had come to fruition. You might think of it as a kind of *Prairie Retirement Home Companion*; or as the kind of stories you might have heard from Dave and Morley, of Stuart Maclean's "Vinyl Cafe," if they'd had a chance to grow old with their friends.

Doug and Mardi Tindal celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the summer of 2023 with a large group of friends, including their Oakview Coliving housemates, and family, including their two sons, partners, and grandchildren.

A second volume of *Tales from Wine on the Porch* is underway.