

## Lighthouse drummer rushed to hospital from Brampton stage

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Lighthouse drummer Skip Prokop was rushed from the stage to the hospital after experiencing stomach pains three songs into the band's set at Brampton's Classic Cars and Legendary Stars festival Saturday night.

Prokop, 62, who co-formed the legendary Canadian rock band in 1969 with composer Paul Hoffert, was taken by ambulance at roughly 10:30 p.m. Band manager Brenda Hoffert reported Tuesday morning that Prokop was released from hospital the same night with a clean bill of health.

"He is totally fine now," she told The Guardian. "They really couldn't find anything the matter."

Lighthouse was scheduled as the headlining act for the 10th annual Cars and Stars festival. It was the first time an 'authentic' group was included in the festival's roster of tribute artists.

Event co-ordinator David Harmsworth said the band stopped playing three songs in, after Prokop felt some distress. The band took a 15 minute break, reporting "technical difficulties" to the audience. Hoffert said because Prokop had experienced heart troubles in the past, which is sometimes linked to stomach pains, they decided to err on the side of caution and call 911.

"The whole band came back (besides Skip) and they did a couple of songs without a drummer," said Harmsworth.

Another drummer then filled in.