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On Nov. 24, according to friends, they were near or in the water when a rip tide swept them away. Nearby fishermen, who saw that they were in trouble, tried to rescue them, but could not. Their bodies later washed onto the beach.

The resort doctor tried to save them but couldn't.

The Department of Foreign Affairs would only confirm they have been notified of the deaths of two Canadians in Acapulco but declined to say more for privacy reasons.

Tammy Nadeau, who previously worked with Tanya, said the couple hoped to sell their Calgary home and eventually buy a place in Vancouver to be closer to Tanya's adult daughter Tarah.

"They loved to vacation. They loved to go out there and she loved the ocean," said Nadeau. "She was really excited to go down there and go to market and cook," she said.

The couple met in Saskatoon and moved to Calgary around eight years ago. They both have a child from previous relationships.

Friends of the couple say she recently worked at The Healing Bridge in Bridgeland as a receptionist but left the

job recently to concentrate on the home renovations. Suppes owned a company called CP Distributors.

She is described as an avid and talented cook, a person with a keen eye for interior design and someone who could fix anything. Suppes is remembered as a pool player who had competed in tournaments.

Friend Brian Look said the fact both of them died together only makes it harder.

“It’s so shocking. I was just over there for dinner,” said Look. “They both needed a break so they really wanted to go,” he said.

Nadeau described Hastings glowingly.

“She was just such a ray of sunshine,” said Nadeau. “She was an awesome mom and an awesome person.”

Blair Livingston, friend of the couple, said Kevin was always quick to help out a friend in need.

“He was the type of guy who would give you the shirt off his back,” said Livingston. “He thought nothing of giving of himself to help others.”

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