

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Lindsay Luby

Seconded by: Councillor Hall

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of former Commissioner of Roads for Metropolitan Toronto, George Olding Grant.

A graduate of Queen's University (BSc 1942), George served overseas in World War II as Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) in England, Italy, and Holland. He married Marjorie in 1946. George returned to school on a scholarship for his Masters in Traffic Engineering (University of California at Berkley 1956). George then resumed the career in which he thrived so much. While working with the Department of Highways of Ontario, Commissioner of Roads for Metropolitan Toronto and as President and then Chairman of Roy Jorgensen Associates (latterly a division of Delcan) his professional accomplishments were many. Managing the building of our highway infrastructure, including the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway, all before the age of 50, is only but an indication of his legacy. His career in private consulting with Jorgensen's took him across Canada and led him to many corners of the world, including several developing nations of Africa where he implemented highway management and maintenance programs. George was a long serving member of the TAC (Transportation Association of Canada) and the OGRA (Ontario Good Roads Association).

Retiring at age 72, George devoted his energies to volunteering including Kiwanis, the Board of Trade, Meals on Wheels, and to officiating the engineer's iron ring ceremony at several universities in Ontario. Even at age 90, he served as the first President of the Residence Council at the new Village of Humber Heights, where he resided.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to George Olding Grant's family.