



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Vincent Crisanti

Seconded by: Mayor Rob Ford

Mayor Rob Ford and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Lyman George Henderson, CM on June 22, 2012. He was a bonvivant, humourist, philanthropist, Patron of the arts, author, mentor to many and hero to many more. He died at the age of 91.

Lyman Henderson was president of the printer D+H (Davis + Henderson) from 1959 to 1974 and remained Honorary Chair of the Board of Directors until his passing. During his tenure, Mr. Henderson transformed the company from a family printer into an industry leader serving the financial services sector. D+H has since broadened its business to provide computer and technology systems for financial institutions.

Mr. Henderson's contributions to the printing industry were matched if not surpassed by his tremendous community spirit and dedication to the arts in Toronto and across Canada. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Ballet of Canada from 1963 to 1978 and chaired the search committees that brought artistic directors Erik Bruhn, Reid Anderson and James Kudelka to the organization.

"His contributions to the growth and vision of the National Ballet are immeasurable. Lyman was a dear man and a great friend to the company and will be deeply missed," said artistic director Karen Kain in a statement released by the National Ballet.

"You might say that printing was my vocation but these other interests my avocation," Mr. Henderson wrote on his blog, Bedtime Stories for Grown Ups, which he had updated with short stories up until June 20, 2012.

Mr. Henderson contributed to Ballet Jörgen Canada, was Vice-Chairman of the Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, and had affiliations with the Presbyterian Church, The McMichael Canadian Art Collection, The National Ballet School, Famous People Players, Queen of Pudding Music Theatre, Ross Creek Centre for the Arts, The Banff Centre for the Arts, Canadian Opera Company, Toronto Symphony Orchestra and Shaw Festival, among others.

Born on August 12, 1920, Mr. Henderson served as an artillery soldier in the Second World War. He was married to the late Ann Henderson (Buchanan) for 64 years. He was a father, grandfather, great-grandfather and was made a Companion Member of the Order of Canada in 1995.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Lyman Henderson's children Buchanan, Victoria, Antonia and Marion Quednau and our thanks for his services to Toronto.

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