

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: **Councillor Michael Thompson**

Seconded by: **Mayor John Tory**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Robert (Bob) George Bundy, 94, on May 8, 2017.

Robert Bundy was born on January 25, 1923, on the kitchen table of his parents' Woodfield Road home in Toronto. He attended the Duke of Connaught junior school and Riverdale Collegiate where he was a star athlete, scholar, and Valedictorian.

In 1941, Robert Bundy volunteered for naval officer training and was commissioned as a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Navy at the age of 19. In November, 1944 he was aboard the aircraft carrier HMS Furious and participated in the sinking of the German battleship Tirpitz. His valour at sea, which included guarding convoys supplying Russia's northern cities earned him citations for valour, including the Ushakov Medal, an honour previously reserved only for Soviet war heroes.

Following the war, after obtaining a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Victoria College at the University of Toronto, Robert Bundy founded Bundy Construction and went on to develop and build many homes and sub-divisions in the City of Toronto.

At the age of 35, Robert Bundy was asked by the City of Toronto to head its newly formed Parking Authority, launching a distinguished career in public service. He subsequently served on the City's Treasury Board, and as Chair of the Subway Development Committee. A recognized authority in parking and traffic matters, Robert Bundy was elected President of the International Parking Institute in 1962, and served on related research councils in the U.S. and with the OECD.

Robert Bundy also dedicated many years of voluntary service to military and naval organizations and held numerous offices with the Naval Officers' Association of Canada, the Civic War Veterans' Association, the Toronto Brigantine and the Navy League of Canada.

In 1974, Robert Bundy left retirement to serve Metropolitan Toronto as the Commissioner of Parks and Property, where he oversaw the creation of some of Toronto's most beloved parks and playing fields and the establishment of a network of bike and pedestrian paths that made Toronto's parklands more accessible.

Robert Bundy was also a President of the Toronto Hunt, Governor of the Hockey Hall of Fame, a Board member of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Governor and Chair of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, and a Director of the Canadian National Exhibition Association.

On January 25, 2013, the City of Toronto formally recognized and acknowledged Robert Bundy's outstanding contributions to the development and execution of the City's Business Improvement Area initiative.

Robert George Bundy was a true gentleman and leader guided by a profound sense of duty, honour, respect and loyalty.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our deepest respect and gratitude for Robert Bundy's distinguished, productive and generous life, and our sincere sympathy to his wife, five children and grandchildren on his passing.

May 25, 2017