

***Expression of Condolence for
John Papadakis by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of John Papadakis on June 12, 2021.

Mr. Papadakis was a practising senior paralegal who was elected to the Council of the Borough of East York from 1991-1994, representing Ward 3. He was one of the youngest elected councillors in Metropolitan Toronto and during his term he chaired several council committees and served as Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor. John was known for calling out politicians and governments whom he felt were being unfair to East York. He was heavily involved in community activism, leading the fight to preserve the East York Civic Centre and the East York Memorial Gardens as well as helping East York gain a third council seat after the City of Toronto was amalgamated. He also dedicated his time and efforts to many organizations including the Chiropractic College of Ontario as well as to friends, co-workers and constituents who were in need of his assistance.

Although John Papadakis had a very successful career, his family and friends always came first and he greatly cherished his time with his mother and brother. He will be remembered for his kind-heartedness and his wonderful sense of humour.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to his mother Helen, his brother Frank and the many friends and colleagues whose lives he touched.

July 15, 2021