

Expression of Condolence for David Fox by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor Shelley Carroll

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of David Fox on November 13, 2021.

David Fox was a stage and screen actor who was a seminal force in the creation of Canadian theatre. David was devoted to telling stories by and about Canadians and championed new plays, new voices and new theatre companies, especially in Toronto. In the 1970s, his work as an actor was part of an alternative theatre movement to create a homegrown national culture. Foxy, as he was known to most of his community, was widely regarded across Canada as one of its greatest actors and was beloved by generations of theatre artists.

David rose to prominence working at Theatre Passe Muraille originating roles in legendary shows such as *The Farm Show* and *1837: The Farmer's Revolt*. He went on to perform at the Mirvish's Royal Alexandra Theatre, the Stratford Festival, and in major theatres across Canada. David had a recurring role in the CBC series, *Road to Avonlea*. He was the recipient of a 1999 Dora Mavor Moore award for his performance in *The Drawer Boy* at Theatre Passe Muraille, and a Sterling Award for his role in 1989's *The Invention of Poetry* at Edmonton's Citadel Theatre. David had a long relationship with the Blyth Theatre in rural Ontario where he spent many summers lending his gifts to premiere new Canadian works. In 2018, David Fox was made a Member of the Order of Canada for his contributions to Canadian theatre, film and television.

David Fox was born March 24, 1941, in Swastika, Ontario and became a high school teacher, before becoming an actor. He lived most of his life in Toronto and passed away peacefully at the age of 80, survived by his sons Jason and Gavin Fox, his partner Sarah, his brother Robert, sister Susan, and his grandchildren Liam and Henry.

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

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