

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday

Seconded by: Mayor Rob Ford

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. J. Thomas "Tom" Riley on March 15, 2013.

After joining the Township of Etobicoke as Sports Supervisor in 1961, Mr. Riley quickly rose to become Director of Recreation and then Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Services in 1970, a position he held until his retirement in 1997. Over the course of his career, Mr. Riley's creative vision and determined leadership helped to build a parks and recreation system that combined a range of award-winning recreation facilities and programs. One of his biggest achievements was the conceptualization and development of Centennial Park, one of the premier training facilities for athletes in our city and one that drew many high-profile events to Etobicoke.

Mr. Riley's many contributions were recognized with a number of distinguished honours including the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, Province of Ontario Corps Elite, an honorary diploma from Humber College and the Canada 125th Medal. In 1999, he was also inducted into the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame.

At its final meeting in 1997, Etobicoke City Council voted to rename Central Park to Tom Riley Park in honour of his outstanding contributions to the community.

Mr. Riley will always be remembered for the leadership he showed throughout his long and successful career as well as his personal love of sport and belief that everyone should have the opportunity to play. He was a loving brother, father and grandfather who will be deeply missed by the residents of Etobicoke and by everyone privileged to have known him.

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

April 3, 2013