Expression of Condolence for John Patrick Kruger by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Ana Bailão

The Mayor and Members of Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of John Patrick Kruger on April 8, 2021.

Mr. Kruger was born in Australia but his desire to be adventurous and explore the world brought him to Canada. He became a pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force moving up to Squadron Leader. During this time he met his wife of 66 years Pat.

Mr. Kruger found his career calling in the public sector while attending a local ratepayers' meeting. He was soon elected to Pickering Town Council. In his second term, Mr. Kruger answered an ad to become an assistant for Metropolitan Toronto Chairman Albert Campbell and became the first Chief Administrative Officer for Metropolitan Toronto.

Mr. Kruger held the position for 14 years. During his tenure, he was the Interim General Manager of the Canadian National Exhibition and the O'Keefe Centre, amalgamated the Metropolitan Toronto Ambulance Service and responded to many other challenges requiring his capable leadership.

In 1985, Mr. Kruger joined the Province of Ontario as Special Advisor to Premier David Peterson. He was chair of several crown corporations until his retirement in 1993 ended his successful career.

John Kruger was also a family man who cherished being a husband, father, brother and grandpa.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to John Kruger's wife Pat, daughter Kim and her family, sister Kathleen, as well as the many friends and colleagues whose lives he touched.