

***Expression of Condolence for
Rocco Mastrangelo Sr. by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Layton and Councillor Mike Colle

The Mayor and Members of Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Rocco Mastrangelo Sr., owner of the beloved Café Diplomatico also known as “The Dip” on College Street on April 26, 2021 at the age of 87.

The small espresso and gelato bar he opened with his brother in 1968 quickly blossomed into a popular community gathering place and a favourite place to watch soccer in Little Italy. The Dip became a spot for Torontonians to gather and enjoy custom cooked pizza, pasta and wine, but more importantly, a warm and welcoming dining experience with a family feel.

Rocco was a City builder and true pillar of his community. As a proud Italian and dedicated patron of the arts, he loved to promote Italian culture and artists through his movie houses and his music and film store Master Video Production (MVP) that closed in 2020. Rocco also organized concerts and shows featuring Italian artists. He will be remembered for his genuine love for his community and desire to help anyone in need. His legacy will live on for generations to come.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Rocco's wife Virginia, children Licia, Marco and Rocco Jr. and their families, as well as the many friends and colleagues whose lives he touched.

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