

Expression of Condolence for Prince Philip by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong

The Mayor and Members of Council were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on April 9, 2021 at the age of 99.

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, demonstrated throughout his long and full life, a sense of duty and commitment to serving Queen and country and the people of the Commonwealth. The Prince was also a devoted consort to The Queen for more than 73 years, during one of the longest marriages in Royal history.

As the longest serving Prince and Consort in history, the Duke served almost seven decades and was devoted to his wife, The Queen and to his role in the Royal Family. He retired from official duties in 2017. HRH paid many visits to Toronto and Canada, both with the Sovereign and on his own, to support many causes, his commitments with the Canadian Armed Forces and to support his charitable groups working with young people, animals, the environment and conservation.

Over the years, Prince Philip accompanied Her Majesty on Royal Tours to our City and visited on his own for a myriad of events, supporting his charitable endeavours and various organizations for whom he was Patron, including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Regimental Visits, and openings of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and events for the World Wildlife Fund.

Prince Philip's connection to Toronto was deep. He visited on more than 20 occasions, beginning in 1951, when he accompanied then Princess Elizabeth on a tour she made in place of her ailing father, King George VI. His most recent visit to Toronto was in 2013 when he presented colours to the Royal Canadian Regiment at Queen's Park. On this tour, he received his insignia as Extra Companion of the Order of Canada and Extra

Commander of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General. It was to Toronto where Prince Philip paid his last visit to Canada.

Prince Philip's patronages with a Toronto connection are many: Canadian Club of Toronto, Upper Canada College, the Toronto Club, Royal Canadian Yacht Club and Massey College at the University of Toronto where he was an Honorary Senior Fellow.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, and the residents of Toronto our sincere condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and the members of the Royal Family, as they mourn the loss of a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, as well as to all in the Commonwealth who are mourning his loss.

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