Expression of Condolence for Terence (Terry) Gordon Sheard by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Jaye Robinson
Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Terence (Terry) Gordon Sheard on May 30, 2021.

While growing up in Toronto, Terry developed a love for jazz music that began in the late 1930s. He served as a volunteer member on the Canada Journalism Radio Technology's Board for 17 years and was awarded an honorary lifetime membership to the Toronto Musicians' Association. Terry's dedication to the Canadian jazz music industry earned him the nickname "the jazz angel" from musicians such as Steve Wallace and others. He attended thousands of jazz performances over his lifetime and privately supported numerous recordings, tours, events and educational initiatives.

Beyond his personal contributions to the music industry, Terry led a life of public and professional excellence. In 1943, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy where he was in active service on several vessels, most notably the H.M.C.S Barrie.

Following his time with the Royal Canadian Navy, Terry attended the University of Toronto which carried him into the investment world. Starting in 1950, Terry served as partner at Dominion Securities before working with other companies such as Eastern and Chartered Trust and Martin, Lucas and Co. In 1997, Terry's company T.G. Sheard Investment Counsel merged with Jarislowsky Fraser where he rounded off his successful career until his retirement in 2010.

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

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