

***Expression of Condolence for
Peter Soumalias by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Mark Grimes

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Soumalias on October 1, 2021.

As a young child, Peter Soumalias immigrated to Canada from Greece in the 1950s, and his love for his new country paved the way for the founding of one of Toronto's most beloved treasures.

In 1998, Peter's patriotic spirit brought us an idea to celebrate Canadian culture, and honour the world-class talent that comes from every corner of our Country. Peter's vision went beyond other renowned Walks of Fame, by broadening the nomination criteria to those who have had an impact on Canada's cultural heritage. This has provided an opportunity for us as Canadians to celebrate those in a diverse range of fields, and helped illustrate the breadth of Canadian achievements.

While Peter may no longer be with us, his legacy will live on in each of the stars that line Toronto's entertainment district. Our hearts go out to his loving family and friends who he leaves behind.

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

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