

***Expression of Condolence for
Mayor Mel Lastman by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan Wong

The Mayor and Members of Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of former Mayor Mel Lastman on December 11, 2021, at the age of 88.

Mayor Mel, as he was known, was the City of Toronto's first Megacity Mayor. He led Toronto immediately following amalgamation and was committed to the City, working hard to ensure it moved forward united.

Before amalgamation, Mayor Mel was Mayor of North York from 1973 to 1997, serving 10 terms. He spent that time building North York, and his work ensured it is the thriving community it is today. He was elected to the top job concurrent with amalgamation in 1998, becoming the City's 62nd Mayor and was re-elected in 2000, serving until his retirement in 2003.

As Mayor he was a builder and a leader that got things done. He spent much of his life serving the people of North York and the City of Toronto. Mayor Mel was also a trailblazer in the business world and he leaves behind a legacy of city building.

Former Mayor Lastman will be remembered by Torontonians as someone who worked hard to serve the people of the City. Alongside his late wife Marilyn, he worked tirelessly to represent the City and was uniform in his respect for all people.

Mayor Mel was a kind, big hearted man. He had a larger-than-life personality and always wanted to do the right thing for people.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to his sons Blayne and Dale and their families, including six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Mayor Mel will be greatly missed and we are all the beneficiaries of his lengthy public service.

December 15, 2021