

***Expression of Condolence for
Eberhard "Eb" Zeidler by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Ana Bailão

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Eberhard "Eb" Zeidler – renowned designer, urbanist and architect – who passed away in Toronto on January 7, 2022 a few days before his 96th birthday.

Born Eberhard Heinrich Zeidler in Braunsdorf, Germany on January 11, 1926, he served in World War II. Following the war, Eb studied architecture in both East and West Germany at prominent design schools. He immigrated to Canada in 1951 and initially settled in Peterborough, where he joined the firm Blackwell and Craig, where he met his wife, Jane. The firm soon relocated to Toronto and became Craig, Zeidler and Strong. The firm, currently under the name Zeidler Architects, operates today with offices in Canada, Germany, and China.

Among his notable projects are iconic structures such as Ontario Place, the Health Sciences Centre at McMaster University, the Queen's Quay Terminal in Toronto, the Yerba Buena Gardens in San Francisco, and Expo 86's Canada Place in Vancouver. He is perhaps best known for his iconic use of atrium interior construction conceptualized as indoor streets or city blocks. Some of these famous works include the atriums at Toronto's Eaton Centre, the Hospital for Sick Children and Princess Margaret Hospital, and the Walter C. Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre in Edmonton.

Eb also made a number of philanthropic contributions to higher education and he was also a professor at the University of Toronto. He was awarded a number of honours including the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario, and a gold medal from the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and was the recipient of the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals. Eb will be remembered as a visionary, whose legacy leaves behind an indelible mark on Toronto and Canada.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Eb's wife of 64 years, Jane Zeidler, his children Katie, Robert, Margie, Christina and their families and his many friends, colleagues and Canadians whose lives he touched through his work.

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