

***Expression of Condolence for
John Duffy by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Gord Perks

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council and all who were fortunate enough to know him were devastated to learn of the sudden passing of John Duffy on March 3, 2022.

John Duffy loved Toronto and to his last day never stopped working to make it a better place. He was a gifted student, educated at University of Toronto Schools and later Trinity College. John Duffy took what he was given and he gave back, channelling his considerable charm, wit and intellect into public policy and politics, running campaigns, advising mayors, premiers and prime ministers, writing best-selling books, and, ultimately, into building a business that gave him even greater reach to champion the causes close to his heart and dispense his unmistakable brand of wisdom and good sense.

No matter the occasion, John Duffy always had a story, an amusing anecdote that he delighted in telling, complete with facts and figures, obscure historical references, apropos lines from movies and books, all of which left his audience dazzled and wanting more. Some of these stories were even true.

John Duffy was brilliant, he was generous and he was kind. More than anything, though, he was irrepressible. His energy was boundless. His determination never in doubt. That spirit lives on in his family, his colleagues and his friends, and in all the work he did to build up the City and the country.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our deepest sympathy to his wife, Madame Justice Jill Presser, his children Martine and Simone, who were his greatest sources of pride and joy, and to all those who he loved and who loved him.

John Duffy will be sorely missed. We mourn his passing. Truly, the City will never know another like him.

March 9, 2022