

Expression of Condolence for Peter Goddard by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Bradford

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Goddard, celebrated musician, author, music journalist and critic – who passed away in Toronto on Wednesday March 23, 2022 at the age of 78.

Peter Darwin Goddard's passion for music saw him pursue formal music education, studying at the University of Toronto where he obtained a Bachelor and Master's degree in music. He also studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music and played piano for a variety of local rock and blues bands in Toronto to great renown during the 1960's.

Peter's foray into journalism began when he started writing for The Varsity in 1966. He moved to the Globe and Mail before joining the Toronto Telegram in 1967 and finally, the Toronto Star in 1972. At the Star, Peter spent 30 years of his career writing about Toronto's arts and culture scene including music, film and visual arts. Throughout his career, Peter gained a reputation for being at the forefront of popular music in Toronto. He was recognized as an ardent music lover whose writing was both insightful and clever.

Peter also authored over 20 books, earning multiple awards for his writing including a Juno for Canadian Music Journalist of the Year in 1972. In his later years, he continued to publish books and contributed to a number of publications.

Peter will be remembered as a loving husband, prolific journalist and cultural historian, who left an incredible impact on the Toronto arts and culture scene.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to his wife of 53 years, Carol Ann, his daughter, Kate, grandchildren Abigail, Samantha, William and Callan and their families, as well as the many friends, colleagues and all those whose lives he touched.

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