

***Expression of Condolence for  
Ron Watson by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Mayor John Tory**

**Seconded by: Councillor Jennifer McKelvie**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ron Watson on April 10, 2022.

Ron was a beloved member of the Scarborough community. He is remembered for his dedication to Scarborough and sharing its history.

Ron and his wife arrived in Scarborough in 1956 when the population of Scarborough was only 250,000. Ron worked in sales before finding his way into public service in 1964, when he was elected as a school trustee. In 1966, Ron was elected to Council for the City of Scarborough where he remained, after a few retirements, until 1998.

Ron was unofficially known as the "Mayor of Agincourt". Prior to going into politics, Ron was a successful draftsman, sales professional and author of the book "Keep'em Rolling: A History of the Canadian National Railway". The book later served as a basis for the engineering field studies of what is now the Rogers Centre.

After retiring from politics, Ron continued as the unofficial historian of Scarborough. He was an award winning artist and newspaper columnist. In 2005, in his honour the City renamed Tam O'Shanter Park the Ron Watson Park. In 2011, Ron was honoured on the Scarborough Walk of Fame and on April 5th of this year, Ron had the opportunity to get up to the roof of the Royal York hotel to retrace the steps his father took in 1934 when he took pictures of then then skyline of Toronto.

Ron's enthusiasm and knowledge of all things trains and Scarborough will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife, Verna, his children Laura and Chris (Lynne), and grandchildren Taylor (Andy), Mackenzie and Hunter and great-granddaughter Avery.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Ron Watson's family. He will be missed.

May 11, 2022