

***Expression of Condolence for
John William Bosley by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Jaye Robinson

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the Honourable John William Bosley on April 28, 2022.

John Bosley attended Upper Canada College, Trinity College, University of Toronto and York University. He worked briefly in Real Estate before entering politics. John launched his political career at the municipal level, serving on Metropolitan Toronto Council from 1974 to 1978 and representing Ward 10 (Rosedale and North Toronto) before moving on to federal politics.

John was elected as a Member of Parliament representing Don Valley West from 1979 to 1993. In 1979, he was appointed parliamentary secretary to Prime Minister Joe Clark. In 1984, he was elected the 31st Speaker of the House of Commons, a position he held for two years. During his tenure, John implemented changes to Standing Orders, including adoption of the secret ballot election of the Speaker, a practice still observed today. After spending 14 years in the House of Commons, he still felt most honored to have served as Speaker of the House. He would continue to serve his constituents until 1993 when he left politics.

John remained connected to politics through his advisory work on parliamentary governance, with a focus on African countries including Ethiopia, Zambia, Rwanda, Liberia and Ivory Coast. He received the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 in honour of this work.

In retirement, John was an avid reader, and proud member of the University Club and Rosedale Golf Club, where he participated on the League Team. John also had a passion for music and singing.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to John Bosley's partner Mary, his daughter Yanette and all those whose lives he touched. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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