

Expression of Condolence for Joe Dickson by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor Brad Bradford

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Joe Dickson on April 6, 2022.

Joe was born and raised in Ajax, Ontario where he grew up, went to school, and married his high school sweetheart, Donna. In 1969, he founded his own printing business, Dickson Printing Ltd., which became one of the leading printers in Durham Region. He always felt an obligation to get involved with volunteer activities of every description from his local church to local schools and community celebrations. Joe eventually was elected as a Trustee of the local Catholic District School Board.

Joe Dickson was elected a Councillor for the town of Ajax from 1983 to 1990 and then from 1992-2006. He also served as a regional Councillor for Durham. Joe's greatest pastime was promoting community parades, activities, celebrations, and commemorations. He loved building up his community and honouring local community leaders, young and old.

In the 2007 Provincial election, Joe Dickson became the Member of Provincial Parliament for the riding of Ajax-Pickering. He was re-elected in 2011 and 2014, working as the local MPP from 2007 to 2018.

Joe Dickson's dedication to the people of Ajax-Pickering was evident throughout his life and he is remembered as a great friend and mentor who was patient, generous, and kind. He was a great advocate and champion of the Ajax Pickering Hospital Foundation. Over the years, Joe supported numerous sports teams and local organizations within the Ajax area. His passion and dedication were recognized throughout his lifetime, having received the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. In October 2021, the Rotary Club of Ajax honoured Joe as

the recipient of the 2021 Pat Bayly Award for his great contributions and years of service.

Joe Dickson had a passion for helping others and supporting worthy causes. This is what he loved the most: giving all of himself back to the community. Above all, he was a true old school gentleman who had a wicked sense of humour and was always ready with a smile and a personal heartfelt "hello" for everyone.

Joe Dickson, known as "Mr. Ajax", was the quintessential All-Canadian boy and family man who left this world a much better place as a result of his exceptional generosity and goodness.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Joe's family.

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