

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE.

BEFORE WE GET TO THE ORDERS OF BUSINESS FOR TODAY'S COUNCIL MEETING I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE PASSING OF TWO VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE.

THESE TWO DEATHS WERE FELT BY OUR ENTIRE CITY – HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND THE TRAGIC MURDER ON SEPTEMBER 12 OF TORONTO POLICE CONSTABLE ANDREW HONG, WHOSE FUNERAL MANY OF US ATTENDED LAST WEEK.

TODAY WE HAVE TWO MOTIONS TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF OF CITY COUNCIL TO MARK THE PASSING IN BOTH CASES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE MOURNED BY OUR RESIDENTS EACH IN THEIR WAY, MARKING THEIR SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY AND CITY.

FIRST, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO FORMALLY MARK WITH CITY COUNCIL THE DEATH

OF HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II, QUEEN OF CANADA.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES FOR CONSTABLE ANDREW HONG.

SEPTEMBER 8 MARKED THE TRAGIC LOSS OF HER MAJESTY, CANADA'S HEAD OF STATE AFTER 70 REMARKABLE YEARS ON THE THRONE.

AT THE TIME OF HER PASSING, SHE WAS THE LONGEST REIGNING MONARCH IN BRITISH HISTORY.

IN WORLD HISTORY, SHE WAS THE LONGEST REIGNING FEMALE MONARCH AND THE SECOND-LONGEST REIGNING MONARCH.

MANY OF US HAVE KNOWN NO OTHER QUEEN.

WHEN WE THINK OF THE LATE QUEEN WE REMEMBER
THIS LONG AND EXTRAORDINARY LIFE SHE HAD
GIVEN TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

NOT JUST TO CANADA AND THE COMMONWEALTH
COUNTRIES BUT TO MANY OTHER COUNTRIES AND
PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THIS WAS TRULY A DEATH THAT WAS FELT AND
RECOGNIZED IN SOME WAY BY PEOPLE FROM ALL
CORNERS OF THE WORLD.

BUT THE QUEEN HELD A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE
HEARTS AND MINDS OF TORONTONIANS.

THE QUEEN VISITED TORONTO SEVEN TIMES
BETWEEN 1951 AND 2010, AND OFTEN REFERRED TO
CANADA AS HER SECOND HOME.

OVER THOSE SEVEN VISITS, SHE ENJOYED A LEAFS
GAME AT MAPLE LEAF GARDENS, ATTENDED THE

100TH AND 3 OTHER RUNNINGS OF THE QUEEN'S PLATE, VISITED HOSPITALS, SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, OUR PARKS, MAJOR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, AND BUSINESSES.

THE QUEEN ALSO NOTED AND CELEBRATED THE DIVERSITY OF OUR GREAT CITY AND HAD WARM WELCOMES DURING HER VISITS FROM GROUPS SUCH AS THE MON SHEONG FOUNDATION AND CORSO ITALIA.

AND ON HER LAST VISIT TO TORONTO, THE QUEEN DONNED 3-D GLASSES AND CELEBRATED OUR GROWING FILM COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE GROWN A LOT AS A CITY AND THE QUEEN HAD BEEN THERE FOR SOME OF THOSE BIG MILESTONE MOMENTS.

WE WELCOMED THE QUEEN TO CITY HALL ON FOUR OCCASIONS AND WE WILL BE REMINDED OF HER

LEGACY THROUGH LANDMARKS AROUND OUR CITY, INCLUDING THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II BUILDING AND QUEEN ELIZABETH THEATRE AT EXHIBITION PLACE, AND ROSE GARDENS AT QUEEN'S PARK, GRANGE PARK AND THE DIAMOND JUBILEE PROMENADE IN THE DISTILLERY DISTRICT.

THE QUEEN ALSO VISITED A NEWLY OPENED ETOBICOKE CIVIC CENTRE IN 1959 AND OFFICIALLY OPENED THE SCARBOROUGH CIVIC CENTRE IN 1984.

HERE AT CITY HALL WE REMEMBER THAT HER MAJESTY DEDICATED THE PEACE GARDEN AT NATHAN PHILLIPS SQUARE IN 1984.

SO IT'S FITTING THAT IN THAT GARDEN – 38 YEARS LATER – WE OBSERVED A MOMENT OF SILENCE ON THE NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING ON SEPTEMBER 19.

THE QUEEN WAS BELOVED BY MANY PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD AND EQUALLY IN TORONTO.

WE SAW THAT MORE RECENTLY WHEN HUNDREDS OF TORONTONIANS CAME TO CITY HALL AND THE CIVIC CENTRES TO SIGN THE CONDOLENCE BOOKS, TO LEAVE FLOWERS AND PAY THEIR RESPECTS.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II WAS A CONSTANT AND CONSISTENT STEADY HAND IN OUR LIVES, AND WAS DEVOTED TO HER SERVICE TO CANADA, HER OTHER REALMS AND TERRITORIES, AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

SHE WAS A PILLAR OF STRENGTH, STABILITY, DECENCY, CARE AND COMPASSION.

WE HONOUR HER AND HER GREAT LIFE OF SERVICE.

SHE SET AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE FOR US.

SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED.

OUR THOUGHTS CONTINUE TO BE WITH HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III, THE ROYAL FAMILY AND ALL THOSE THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH WHO HAVE MOURNED THE PASSING OF OUR QUEEN.

IT'S NOW MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE A SHORT VIDEO MONTAGE OF HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II IN TORONTO.

AT THIS TIME, I'LL INVITE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, AND THOSE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER TO RISE AND JOIN ME IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II, FOLLOWED BY THE PLAYING OF THE ROYAL ANTHEM, GOD SAVE THE KING TO MARK THE ACCESSION OF CHARLES III.

GOD BLESS THE QUEEN AND LONG LIVE THE KING.