

Expression of Condolence for Monte Kwinter by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor James Pasternak

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Monte Kwinter on July 21, 2023, at the age of 92.

Prior to entering his career in politics, Monte attended Ontario College of Art, Syracuse University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, the Université de Montréal, and earned a fine arts degree specializing in industrial design. After running his own real estate firm up until the age of 54, Monte ran in the 1985 Provincial election and was elected as the Member of Provincial Parliament for the North York riding of Wilson Heights under the government of Premier David Peterson.

Monte was re-elected in nine straight elections, working tirelessly as the local MPP for York Centre alternating in government and in opposition for over 32 years up until his retirement in 2018. Throughout his decade's long career at Queen's Park serving under three Liberal premiers, Monte was appointed as Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, Minister of Financial Institutions, Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, and Chair of the Ontario Investment and Trade Advisory Council. In January 2013, he became the oldest person to ever serve in the Ontario Legislature at the age of 81 years, and 310 days. Two of Monte's proudest achievements as MPP were the passage of a private-member's bill increasing access to naturopathic medicine, as well as advocating for the creation of Ontario's first all-digital Humber River Hospital.

Monte championed a number of causes throughout his lifetime. He was a founding member of the Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith Canada, and served on the board of directors of the Upper Canadian Zoological Society and the Canadian National Exhibition. Moreover, Monte was chair of the Toronto Harbour Commission, Chair of the Toronto Humane Society, Vice-President of the Ontario College of Art, and served as an executive member on the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada.

Monte will be remembered, not only for his years of public service and great contributions,

but also for his warmth, kindness, and generosity. He always stood up for what he believed was right and did so with great determination.

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

August 10, 2023