

***Expression of Condolence for
Michael Freeman by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Gord Perks

Seconded by: Councillor Frances Nunziata

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Michael Freeman on July 23, 2023.

Michael Freeman passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 23, 2023, surrounded by family after a courageous two-year battle with cancer.

Michael was a resident of the Warren Park community for over 45 years and was a very enthusiastic local historian. He was one of founding members of Heritage York and was President since its inception until his passing. It was his passion to ensure that the Lambton House remained a landmark and community asset for future generations.

Michael received numerous recognitions for community service, including the unique Federal Escarbot Award in 1992, a Civic Recognition Award from the City of York in 1994, was honoured with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal in 2012, two Certificates of Recognition from members of Provincial Parliament, most recently, on June 27, 2023.

Michael worked as a computer trainer travelling throughout North America and was always available to assist with computer software and hardware issues.

Michael had a lifelong interest in genealogy which led him to research the Freeman, Collins, and Moreira family trees and beyond. Michael was a golf enthusiast, a Raptors and Blue Jays fan, having attended the Jays opener in 1977. He was a Beatles fan and life-long Trekkie. He will be remembered for his sense of humour and welcoming personality.

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

September 6, 2023