

## *Expression of Condolence for Ernest Lustig by Toronto City Council*

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle**

**Seconded by: Councillor Frances Nunziata**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ernest (Ernie) Lustig on September 22, 2023, at the age of 93.

Ernie was born and raised in Toronto in the Dundas and McCaul area and Kensington Market. Ernie attended Orde Public School and Central Commerce Collegiate Institute where he enjoyed playing basketball. Ernie worked as a small business owner in the home renovation field until his final days.

Throughout his life, Ernie was active in Toronto's Jewish community. He was a lifelong volunteer member in his local synagogue, Beth David, and was a great supporter of B'nai Brith Canada, UJA Federation, and The Simon Wiesenthal Center. Ernie was instrumental in establishing the month of May as Jewish Heritage Month in Ontario in 2012 and most recently, was a lead volunteer in the August 16th event to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Christie Pits Riot.

Ernie always believed in giving back to the community with the goal of striving to make the world a better place. He was generous and kind, always the first to offer help or advice with no questions asked. Ernie dedicated his time and energy to support numerous causes and organizations. Ernie was an active member of his local residents association in the Keele and Wilson area, raising funds for local community facilities. For 70 years, Ernie was dedicated to local and community affairs, helping Provincial and Federal candidates who were running for office. Ernie was also a great supporter of Reena, helping to create housing for individuals with developmental disabilities including the new housing project on Elm Ridge Drive.

Ernie was a supreme storyteller, and was full of wisdom with a wealth of experience and insight about different topics. He loved reminiscing about the TriBell Club he founded and his days spent in Hallandale Beach, Florida. Most of all, Ernie loved spending time with his family and making others laugh with a good joke, and his great sense of humour always lit up a room.

Ernie was incredibly proud of his son, Joel, and his daughter, Ellen, and never stop loving his beloved late wife, Sharon whom he was married to for 70 years. Cherished grandfather and great-grandfather, loving brother and brother-in-law, uncle and great-uncle. Ernie will be deeply missed by his extended family and numerous friends.

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

October 11, 2023