

***Expression of Condolence for  
Francesco Paolo Mastrangelo by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle**

**Seconded by: Mayor Olivia Chow**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Francesco Paolo (Paul) Mastrangelo on September 1, 2023, at the age of 80.

Paul was born in Anzano di Puglia to father, Marco and mother, Felicia. Paul settled in Canada and began his career in Owen Sound as a hairdresser. With his partner Armando, Paul bought Central Coiffure Salon in Port Credit and worked at the salon before settling in Toronto to work with his brother, Rocco, at Cafe Diplomatico on College Street. Paul eventually became a part owner and spent the next four decades of his life at the popular café that became a neighborhood landmark in Little Italy, affectionately known as "the Dip". Paul was instrumental in developing the concept of boulevard cafes across the City because of his advocacy.

Paul had many interests and passions throughout his life. He loved listening to music, especially Elvis and Italian songs, driving vintage cars and motorcycles, and adored animals, especially his German Sheppards and Dobermans. In his spare time, Paul enjoyed playing poker and Italian card games with friends. Paul is remembered for his generosity, warmth, and kindness by all who knew him.

Paul was a loving and dedicated husband to Maria, and father, grandfather, and brother. He will be deeply missed by numerous nieces, nephews, extended families and friends.

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

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