

***Expression of Condolence for
The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney
by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney PC, CC, GOQ – the 18th Prime Minister of Canada – on February 29, 2024, at the age of 84.

Brian Mulroney was born in Baie-Comeau, Quebec, in 1939. He attended both high school and post-secondary education in Nova Scotia. He studied at St. Francis Xavier University, later graduating with a degree in political science in 1959. Mr. Mulroney then earned a law degree at Université Laval in Quebec City. Over the next decade he enjoyed a distinguished business and legal career.

In June of 1983, Mr. Mulroney won the leadership race for his party and became leader of the Progressive Conservatives. He was first elected to the House of Commons as a Member of Parliament representing Central Nova in August that same year. Upon his election, he simultaneously became Leader of the Official Opposition. Mr. Mulroney was sworn in as Canada's 18th Prime Minister when the Progressive Conservatives formed a majority government in the 1984 general election. He went on to serve as Prime Minister until 1993.

During his time as Prime Minister, his government focused on many important issues. He championed the environment, helping to establish air quality agreements with the United States to reduce acid rain, and passed the first *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*. He also created several new national parks. He negotiated the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement (CUSFTA) as well as the expanded North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with the United States and Mexico. He also worked hard to forge connections between French and English Canada.

He issued an apology on behalf of the Canadian government to Japanese Canadians for their mistreatment and internment during the Second World War. He also led efforts to stand up against apartheid in South Africa, spearheading consensus within the Commonwealth of Nations to impose sanctions on the South African government. In 1993, he resigned as Prime Minister and retired from politics.

Mr. Mulroney led an active life as a private citizen, serving on several corporate boards,

becoming chair of Quebecor Inc. and Forbes Global Business and Finance. He was also a senior partner at the law firm Norton Rose Fulbright Canada for nearly 30 years.

Mr. Mulroney was the recipient of numerous awards and honours. He was appointed as a Companion of the Order of Canada and received the Order of Quebec as well as honours from several countries including Haiti, Ukraine, Japan, South Africa, and France. He received the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal, and the Queen's Diamond and Golden Jubilee Medals. He also received the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service and the George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service. He was inducted into the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame and had been awarded honorary degrees from over a dozen institutions.

He will be remembered as a dedicated and ambitious statesman who believed in the issues he was passionate about. We join with all Canadians in mourning the loss of Mr. Mulroney.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to his wife, Mila; his children, Caroline, Ben, Mark, and Nicolas; their families; and all those whose lives he touched through his work.

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