

Expression of Condolence for Donald McNichol Sutherland by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Mayor Olivia Chow

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Donald McNichol Sutherland on June 20, 2024, at the age of 88.

Donald was born on July 17, 1935, in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. He spent most of his teenage years in Nova Scotia where his father, Frederick, ran a local gas, electricity and bus company and his mother, Dorothy (nee McNichol), was a math teacher.

Donald attended Bridgewater high school, and later graduated from Victoria College, University of Toronto, with a double major in engineering and drama. As a result of a highly praised performance in a college production of James Thurber's and Elliott Nugent's *The Male Animal*, he dropped the idea of becoming an engineer and decided to pursue acting.

Donald became a legendary actor whose profound contributions to the world of cinema and television have left an indelible mark on our culture and hearts. He embarked on an illustrious acting career that spanned over six decades.

His extraordinary talent and versatility enabled him to portray a wide range of characters, from heroic to villainous, each with unparalleled depth and authenticity. His performances in iconic films such as *MASH**, *Ordinary People*, *Don't Look Now*, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, and *The Hunger Games* series, to name just a few, captivated audiences around the globe.

Throughout his career, Mr. Sutherland received numerous awards and nominations, including an Academy Honorary Award, a Primetime Emmy Award, and multiple Golden Globe Awards. Beyond his professional achievements, Donald Sutherland was known for his passionate advocacy for the arts and his commitment to social justice causes, inspiring many both on and off the screen.

Donald is survived by Francine and his children, Kiefer, Rachel, Rossif, Angus and Roeg, and by four grandchildren.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Donald Sutherland's family, and our enduring gratitude for his contributions to his community and our City.

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