

***Expression of Condolence for
His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan IV
by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

**Seconded by: Councillor Jon Burnside
Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik
Councillor Rachel Chernos Lin**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan IV, CC., the 49th hereditary Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims, on February 4, 2025, at 88 years of age.

The Aga Khan was just a student when he succeeded his grandfather, the Aga Khan III as Ismaili Imam, the spiritual leader of the global Shia Ismaili Muslim community, on July 11, 1957.

In 1967, His Highness established the Aga Khan Development Network, a group of international development agencies that work on charitable initiatives in 30 countries. Over the course of six decades, he established a wide range of institutions and initiatives related to healthcare, education, culture, habitat, financial inclusion and other areas designed to improve quality of life, especially for those most marginalized in Africa and Asia.

The Aga Khan maintained strong connections to Canada after our country took in thousands of Ismaili refugees who were expelled from Uganda in 1972. He was made an honorary Companion of the Order of Canada in 2005. He was also declared an honorary citizen by the House of Commons in 2010.

The Aga Khan greatly contributed to Toronto's rich diversity by encouraging the Ismaili community in Canada and Toronto to establish roots in their new homeland. He opened the Aga Khan Museum, Aga Khan Park and adjoining Ismaili Centre, which are recognized as inspiring cultural landmarks and global destinations.

In 2022, the Aga Khan was awarded the Key to the City of Toronto for exemplifying pluralism, cultural dialogue and partnership.

The Aga Khan was regarded as a compassionate global leader who championed peace, pluralism and democracy, while building bridges between Muslim societies and the Western world.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the Aga Khan's three sons, daughter and their families, his followers who

are mourning the loss of their spiritual leader, and all those whose lives he touched. We extend our congratulations to Prince Rahim al-Hussaini Aga Khan V, who has been designated as the successor to the His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, and we express our support to the entire Ismaili community across Toronto and Canada, on this occasion.

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