

***Expression of Condolence for Hugh McDougall  
by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle**

**Seconded by: Councillor Rachel Chernos Lin**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Hugh Lawrence McDougall on February 21, 2025.

Hugh McDougall was a most remarkable teacher, administrator, golfer, scholar and entrepreneur who made an outstanding contribution to the world of education. He taught at St. Michael's College School and Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School in Toronto where he spent many years as a high school history teacher and Vice Principal. He also served as the headmaster at the Canadian Junior College, Lausanne, Switzerland and was the founder of the Lycée Canadien en France, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.

Hugh was remarkably intelligent, knowledgeable, and insightful about everything of historical importance in Canada and in our world. With boundless energy and enthusiasm, he inspired a lifelong love of history and learning in young minds. Over the years, he met generations of students, parents, and school staff who he inspired each and every day and was the ultimate mentor, always providing great guidance.

Hugh was also an author who wrote a biography of his father, Professor Donald McDougall, who as a soldier in World War I was blinded at the Battle of the Somme in 1916, but returned to Canada and went on to become a Rhodes Scholar and a History Professor at the University of Toronto.

Hugh is remembered as not only a defining teacher in the history of Saint Mike's School, but as an exemplary leader and the ultimate gentleman and sportsman with a wit second to none. He was a lifelong resident of Leaside and was a 65-year member of his beloved Weston Golf and Country Club.

Hugh was a cherished husband of Eleanor, a beloved father and grandfather to nine grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

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

March 26, 2025