

Expression of Condolence for Marvin Teperman by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Brad Bradford

Seconded by: Councillor James Pasternak

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Marvin Teperman on June 6, 2025, in his 93rd year.

Marvin Teperman was a pioneering figure in the construction and demolition industry, whose family legacy has shaped the skyline and identity of Toronto for over a century. As the third-generation leader of Teperman Wrecking, Marvin transformed a small, labour-intensive business founded by his grandfather Samuel, into a nationally recognized institution that operates across Canada and the United States. The company's distinctive black and orange signs became synonymous with Toronto's growth and transformation, appearing across major streets and projects across the city.

Among its many contributions, Teperman Wrecking played a vital role in the demolition phase of iconic developments such as Toronto's Eaton Centre, First Canadian Place, Scotia Plaza, Brookfield Place, and Commerce Court. As one of the founding members of the Ontario Association of Demolition Contractors, Marvin played an instrumental role in formalizing and elevating the demolition profession in Ontario.

Marvin's influence extended well beyond construction. He was a recognizable figure in Toronto's civic life, respected by politicians, referenced in newspaper cartoons, and even celebrated in a popular radio jingle. His legacy lives on not just in the skyline he helped transform, but in the lasting impact he had on the city's growth and identity.

Marvin was predeceased by his wife Estelle Sarah and his son Steven. He leaves behind his partner Helen Cerny, his children Sandra (Harley Goldlist), Stuart (Gail), and Sean (Nancy Deskin), along with nine grandchildren: Jordan and Kym, Daniel, Zachary, Philip and Nabilia, Carly and Joshua Raxlen, Alex and Alex Kopperson, Justin, Serena Goldlist, and Michael Iankilevitch and Alison Goldlist, and four great-grandchildren. His legacy lives on through his family and the lasting mark he left on Toronto as a dedicated builder of city and community.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City

Council, our sincere sympathy to Marvin's family.

June 25, 2025