

Expression of Condolence for Norman “Bud” Purves by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

Seconded by: Councillor Shelley Carroll

The Mayor and members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Norman “Bud” Purves, who passed away on August 11, 2025, at the age of 76.

Bud Purves had a long and distinguished career dedicated to community building, business, and innovation within the City. He served as Chair of the Toronto Community Housing Board of Directors for seven years, beginning in 2011, and was instrumental in restoring public confidence and guiding the corporation toward becoming a “landlord of excellence”. His leadership contributed to the City of Toronto's vision of improving the lives of social housing tenants and addressing the corporation's financial challenges.

Bud Purves held other prominent leadership roles, including Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health for two years, and as a long-serving President of the York University Development Corporation, who helped to shape the university's campus infrastructure and growth. He also served as an executive with companies such as CN Rail, Trizec Hahn, and the Sorbara Group.

He also had a lifelong passion for athletics, including flying, sailing, hockey, and running over 25 marathons.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Bud Purves' spouse, Janet Palmer, his children, Thomas and Arianne, his grandchildren, and his extended family and friends who mourn his loss.

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