

***Expression of Condolence for Frank Gehry  
by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow**

**Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Frank Gehry, who passed away on Friday December 5, 2025, at the age of 96 after a brief illness.

Frank Gehry, born Frank Owen Goldberg, was a Toronto-born, renowned architect who designed some of the world's most unique and famous buildings during a 60-year career in architecture.

Mr. Gehry was influenced by Los Angeles' postwar commercial landscape. He began creating three-dimensional models and eventually his firm Gehry Partners, used new technology to create expressive and imaginative buildings made up of dramatic forms and unique geometric shapes and designs.

During a long career, Mr. Gehry was able to complete more than 150 projects around the world. Some of his work included the \$276 million renovation of the Art Gallery of Ontario in 2008, the famous Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, Berlin's DZ Bank Building as well as other buildings, office spaces and private homes that are considered works of art. He described his work as joyful and optimistic.

Prior to his death, Mr. Gehry had been working on a pair of residential towers in downtown Toronto. Mr. Gehry was also a professor of architecture at the University of Southern California, his alma mater, as well as Yale and Columbia Universities.

Throughout his life, Mr. Gehry received many accolades for his contributions to architecture, including the Pritzker Architecture Prize, the Royal Institute of British Architects gold medal and the Americans for the Arts' Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2002, he was named a Companion to the Order of Canada for his major contributions to architecture. In 2019, he was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame. Mr. Gehry leaves behind a legacy as one of the most influential architects of his time.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Frank Gehry's wife Berta and his children Brina, Sam and Alejandro.

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