

Expression of Condolence for Victor Khomenko by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor James Pasternak

Seconded by: Councillor Lily Cheng

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Victor Khomenko, the oldest World War Two veteran. He passed away at the age of 108 on Friday, January 23, 2026, at the Veterans' Wing at Sunnybrook Hospital where he stayed for the last couple of years of his life. Victor is survived by his two children and grandchildren.

Victor Khomenko was born in Ukraine on March 28th, 1917. In 1932, during the famine in Ukraine, he was sent to Leningrad (currently St. Petersburg) to stay with his older brother. He graduated from the Leningrad Medical School and worked as a paramedic in the Arctic for five years. He sailed on the icebreaker "Ermak" and wintered at polar stations for two years.

On July 13, 1941, Victor was drafted to the front by the Kirovsky District Military Commissariat of Leningrad. He served in the 50th Guards Separate Fighter Anti-Tank Division, the 129th Guards Rifle Regiment of the 45th Guards Rifle Division, the 329th Rifle Regiment, the 30th Guards Rifle Division, and the 3rd Guards Rifle Regiment.

Victor went through the heaviest battles near Krasny Bor, Sinyavino, Pulkovo and Narva.

In January 1943, during the breakthrough of the Siege of Leningrad, Khomenko was seriously wounded while rescuing an officer. Two shards remained in his body for the rest of his life.

For his military service, Victor was awarded many medals, including the Order of the Red Star (twice), the Medal "for Courage" (twice), the Medal "for Military Merit", the Medal "for the Defense of Leningrad", and the Medal "for Victory over Germany".

After the war, Victor lived and worked as a doctor in Leningrad. He moved to Toronto in 2002 and resided in York Centre for 22 years, actively participating in local events.

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

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