

***Expression of Condolence for Ian Scotty Morrison
by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Stephen Holyday

Seconded by: Mayor Olivia Chow

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened by the passing of Ian “Scotty” Morrison on February 25, 2026.

Scotty Morrison was involved with the game of hockey in numerous ways throughout his life. He was a player, a referee, a National Hockey League executive, and a Chair of the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

Born in Montreal, Scotty played hockey as a junior with the Montreal Canadiens organization. Later he was a referee with the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association and the Quebec Senior League. At age 24 he became the youngest man to work as a National Hockey League referee.

In 1965, Scotty became the National Hockey League’s Referee-in-Chief. In 1981, he was made an officer of the league and appointed Vice President, Officiating.

Scotty was instrumental in relocating the Hockey Hall from its former site in Exhibition Place, to its current home in downtown Toronto in 1993. At that time, he was named Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Hall. He retired from that position in 1998.

Many Members of Council had the privilege of working alongside Scotty through his continued involvement with the Hockey Hall of Fame over the years.

Scotty lived in Etobicoke from 1965 until his retirement, and then moved to Haliburton. Along with his work with the Hockey Hall of Fame, he helped establish the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1999, Scotty was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in the Builder category. In 2001 he was inducted into the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame.

Scotty's extraordinary leadership and contributions helped shape the game of ice hockey, a beloved passion of many Torontonians. His enduring work established a City landmark with the Hockey Hall of Fame, attracting local, national and international visitors to share in their enthusiasm of the game.

Scotty passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Invermere, British Columbia at age 95.

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

March 25, 2026