

***Expression of Condolence for Edward John Pottinger
by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Edward John Pottinger on March 12, 2026, at the age of 69.

Mr. Pottinger was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and was a respected member of Toronto's Jamaican community, the hospitality sector, and the neighbourhoods where he welcomed residents and visitors through his longstanding establishments. He was widely known for his lifelong passion for Caribbean cooking and for sharing the flavours and traditions of Jamaica through his restaurant. He founded The Real Jerk, which opened in Toronto in 1984, and also owned The Jerk Pit music venue.

Mr. Pottinger will be fondly remembered for his generous spirit, his love for family and friends and the hospitality he extended to everyone who visited his establishments.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Edward's wife, Lily, his mother, children, grandchildren, siblings, and all those who mourn his passing.

March 25, 2026