

***Expression of Condolence for
William Carvel "Bill" Graham by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Robin Buxton Potts

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the Honourable William Carvel "Bill" Graham, a Canadian lawyer, academic, and a former Member of Parliament and Federal Cabinet Minister, who passed away on August 7, 2022 at the age of 83.

Bill was born in Montreal in 1939 and raised in Quebec and British Columbia. He was educated at Upper Canada College, as well as the University of Toronto's Trinity College and Faculty of Law. Bill earned a Doctorate of Laws at the University of Paris and served in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve while still in school.

Bill began his professional career practising law at Fasken and Calvin before moving into academia. In 1981, he began lecturing at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law. In 1993, Bill was elected for the first of five times as a Member of Parliament representing Toronto Centre—Rosedale from 1993 until his resignation in 2007.

In 2002, Bill was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and in 2004, Minister of National Defence by Prime Minister Paul Martin. It was a challenging time for Canada when Bill was tasked with handling Canadian foreign policy issues as a result of 9/11, the subsequent war in Afghanistan and Iraq, and Canada's defence policies. Bill also served as Leader of the Opposition in 2006 between leaders.

Following his time in public life, Bill remained active in academia, as well as a variety of organizations and businesses interests.

In 2015, Bill was appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada and promoted to an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2020. He also received the Queen Elizabeth Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals, the French Legion of Honour, as well as honorary degrees from the Royal Military College and University of Toronto. Bill also served as Chancellor at the University of Toronto's Trinity College and with honorary rank in the

Governor General's Horse Guards. Bill will be remembered as an effective and impactful politician, whose contribution to Canada's foreign policy and relationships leaves an important legacy.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Bill's wife, Catherine, his children, Katy and Patrick and their families, his grandchildren and the many friends, family, and colleagues whose lives he touched.

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