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The Regional Municipality of York offers condolences following death of former Chairman Eldred King

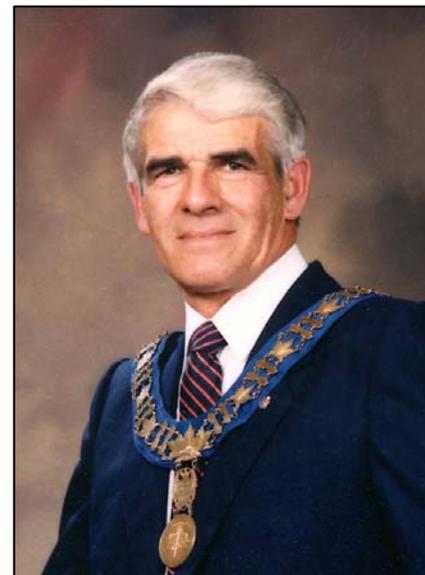
NEWMARKET – York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch and members of York Regional Council express their condolences to the family of former York Region Chairman Eldred King, who passed away last night. Flags have been lowered to half-mast in his honour.

A former Mayor of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville who also served as a Town of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville Councillor, Mr. King served 19 years as a member of York Regional Council, including five terms as York Region Chairman from 1984 to 1997.

“During his time in public life, Eldred King displayed an unfailing commitment to the welfare of our residents and the betterment of our community,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch. “Eldred’s vision and leadership for our Region established the strong foundation needed to create a thriving, diverse and dynamic municipality that has become one of the most successful communities in Canada.”

“As Eldred’s successor as Chairman of York Regional Council, I was fortunate to inherit his lasting legacy of sound government and strong commitment to our residents,” added Chairman Fisch.

“Our community and Region have lost more than a leader with Eldred King’s passing, we have also lost a friend,” said Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson. “Eldred was a tireless community-builder whose vision, hard work and strong sense of civic dedication were instrumental in guiding our municipality through a time of social and economic change.”



Eldred King during his tenure as York Region Chairman (1984-97)

As York Region Chairman, Mr. King sat on all Regional Committees and also served as Chairman of GO Transit. During his tenure he oversaw a number of significant initiatives, including:

- Adoption of the first York Region Official Plan
- Establishing the York Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation
- Successfully advocating for the extension of Highway 404 beyond Davis Drive
- Preliminary work for the Markham Bypass
- Extension of the Blue Box recycling program
- A Triple-A credit rating for York Region by Standard & Poor’s Credit Agency

Eldred King was honoured for his lengthy public service following his retirement in 1997 with a declaration of Eldred King Day in York Region on November 27, 1997, the dedication of Eldred King Gardens and the dedication of Eldred King Woodlands in the York Regional Forest.

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