

Brampton mourns former councillor Paul Palleschi

Flags at City of Brampton facilities have been lowered to half-mast in memory of former City of Brampton and Peel Regional councillor Paul Palleschi, who died Sunday.

Mr. Palleschi was first elected to City council in 1985, and became a Regional councillor in 1991. He stood down from running in the 2014 municipal elections, and his son Michael was elected to his former seat.

Mayor Linda Jeffrey recalled Mr. Palleschi's years of service to the community, including sitting with him on City council for 12 years.

"During this time, I found him to be a councillor that didn't shy away from his responsibilities and was always ready to roll up his sleeves and work with staff to find solutions to the daily challenges of a growing community," she said in a statement issued Monday. "Paul took great pride in his roles as president of the Peel Housing Corporation and as Chair of the City's Planning Committee as he worked to build a better city for us all."

Jeffrey extended condolences to Mr. Palleschi's family, as did Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson.

"We've lost an icon," Thompson said.

"He was a person when he made his mind up to do something, he got it done," he added. "He was a doer."

"He held the Region's interests at heart as well," Thompson said.

Flags will remain at half-mast until sunset the day of Mr. Palleschi's funeral.

Details about the funeral had not been announced at press time.