

Tribute for former councillor

By Bill Rea

Last Thursday's meeting of Peel Regional councillors opened with a tribute and moment of silence in memory of one of their former colleagues.

Former Brampton councillor Paul Palleschi died Jan. 31.

Mr. Palleschi served many years on Brampton City council, as well as Regional council. He did not run in the 2014 municipal elections, but his son Michael was elected to the seat he vacated.

"Not all of us present today had the pleasure and privilege of serving with Paul Palleschi as part of this council," Regional Chair Frank Dale remarked, adding that despite that, everyone knew him. "I knew him well enough to respect him, admire him and value him."

"For me, Paul served a number of roles," Dale added. "In addition to being a loyal friend, Paul was a trusted colleague and personal mentor."

Dale also praised Mr. Palleschi for his wit and quick mind.

"Paul applied his humour in a way that was strategic," Dale observed, noting his ability to cool discussions down when things started getting contentious.

"God's speed, my good friend," he concluded.