

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: December 8, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR T. WHITEHEAD.....

Naming of the City Hall Forecourt after Former Mayor Robert Morrow

WHEREAS, Robert Maxwell Morrow was born in Hamilton in 1946, educated locally and at Waterloo University College and the University of Toronto; having taught history and French at the high school level and later taught music and labour relations at Mohawk College and music privately;

WHEREAS, Robert Maxwell Morrow, always active as a church musician, playing the organ and leading the choir at several of Hamilton's major churches - most recently St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in downtown Hamilton;

WHEREAS, Robert Maxwell Morrow was elected and re-elected to Hamilton City Council as Alderman in 1968 and 1970 and to the Board of Control 1972-1980; served as Deputy Mayor 1976-1980, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Police 1976-1980; and, additionally, served two terms as Citizenship Judge from 2004 until May 2010;

WHEREAS, Robert Maxwell Morrow was elected in 1982, to the first of 6 terms as Mayor becoming the longest serving Mayor in city history. Known for many administrative reforms during his term he was instrumental in advocating for the diversification of the local economy, which has helped bring great results over the years; in creating new and replacement activities for local economy that changed enormously during the 1980s and 90s;

WHEREAS, Robert Maxwell Morrow was the recipient of two senior knighthoods; Knight Commander of the Republics of Italy (2003) and Poland (1999); a recipient of a Paul Harris award from Rotary International for Service Above Self; and, the two anniversary medals (50th and 60th) of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the 2nd;

WHEREAS, Robert Maxwell Morrow was appointed by Hamilton City Council as interim Councillor for Ward 3, after the death of Councillor Bernie Morelli;

WHEREAS, Robert Maxwell Morrow was integral in developing the Hamilton in Bloom, traffic island beautification program; and, increasing public access to the City's waterfront by negotiating the financial viability of the Harbour Parks (Pier 4 and Bayfront Park) and the Harbour Waterfront Trail; and,

WHEREAS, Robert Maxwell Morrow is a steadfast supporter of, and has dedicated his life's work to, improving and contributing to the City of Hamilton; his passion unwavering for the arts, sports and beautification for our city, and has had a significant, positive impact on our community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the forecourt at Hamilton City Hall be named the Robert Maxwell Morrow Forecourt; and,
- (b) That any costs associated with a plaque for the Robert Maxwell Morrow Forecourt be funded (at an upwards cost of \$3,500) from 720715-57267.