

Motion to honour the life of Ignat “Iggy” Kaneff

WHEREAS Ignat “Iggy” Kaneff arrived in Canada in 1951 and subsequently built an incredibly successful real estate and construction business, employing thousands of people and building many commercial and residential units across Canada;

AND WHEREAS Ignat was a generous philanthropist, creating the I. Kaneff Charitable Foundation and raising millions of dollars for Community Living Mississauga, the Credit Valley Hospital Foundation, the Mississauga Symphony Orchestra the University of Toronto in Mississauga, the Osgoode Law School building campaign, and the Lassonde School of Engineering at York University campaign, among many others;

AND WHEREAS Ignat has been honoured many times, including being named to Bulgarian Order “Stara Planina First Degree” in 2002; awarded the Order of Ontario in 2010 and the Order of Canada in 2016; conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of Toronto, York University, and the University of Ruse in Bulgaria; named a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow; selected as the City of Mississauga’s Citizen of the Year in 1992; awarded the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal; and awarded the Mississauga Heritage Lifetime Achievement Award and the Community Living Mississauga Lifetime Achievement Tribute.

AND WHEREAS Ignat was a city-builder in our City, forever changing the face of Mississauga and leaving an indelible mark on our urban development and built form;

AND WHEREAS Ignat’s story demonstrates that no matter where you come from, through hard work, dedication, and a strong community spirit, everyone can succeed in Mississauga and in Canada;

AND WHEREAS Ignat Kaneff passed away on July 12, 2020 at the age of 93...

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Mississauga expresses its sincere condolences to the Kaneff family, and in particular his wife Dimitrina “Didi,” Kaneff, and his two daughters Anna-Maria and Kristina Kaneff; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council direct staff to develop a list of potential naming opportunities to honour Ignat Kaneff.

