

MOTION TO NAME CENTRAL LIBRARY THE “HAZEL MCCALLION CENTRAL LIBRARY”

MOVED BY: Ron Starr

WHEREAS Hazel McCallion served the people of Mississauga for 53 years as Reeve and Mayor of Streetsville, and then as Councillor and Mayor of the City of Mississauga, and until recently, held the title of Canada’s longest serving Mayor; and

WHEREAS Hazel McCallion has been conferred many awards, most notably as a Member of the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario, the Queen’s Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals, an Honourary Doctor of Laws from the University of Toronto, the Key to the City of Mississauga, and many other national and international awards and distinctions; and

WHEREAS in 2017, the Ontario Legislature passed a bill to make February 14th Hazel McCallion Day in honour of her service to not only Mississauga, but Ontario; and

WHEREAS Hazel McCallion now serves as the Chancellor of Sheridan College, one of Mississauga’s post-secondary institutions and continues to act as an advisor to the government of Ontario on municipal matters, always representing Mississauga’s interests; and

WHEREAS Hazel McCallion has raised millions of dollars through her philanthropic efforts for Trillium Hospital, Sheridan College, the University of Toronto, as well as for youth, arts, culture and heritage through her own Hazel McCallion Foundation; and

WHEREAS as Mayor, Hazel McCallion presided over a sustained period of growth in the Mississauga, including the development of the Civic Precinct, which includes the Living Arts Centre, City Hall, and the Central Library; and

WHEREAS as Mayor, Hazel McCallion played a key role in many of the seminal moments of our City’s history, from the 1979 train derailment and evacuation, to being a torch bearer in the 2010 Olympic Torch relay, to securing Mississauga as host site for the 2015 Pan Am Games; and

WHEREAS the Central Library is set to undergo construction to upgrade the building, including its signage, beginning in March 2021; and

WHEREAS to date, the City of Mississauga has not yet honoured Hazel McCallion for her service to this City through the naming of a building or other piece of city infrastructure; and

WHEREAS other institutions including Sheridan College, the Peel District School Board, and Square One have already honoured Hazel McCallion with a naming; and

WHEREAS Hazel McCallion will celebrate her 100th birthday on February 14, 2021...

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. In honour of Hazel McCallion's 100th birthday and her decades of service to Mississauga, the City of Mississauga will rename the current "Central Library" the "Hazel McCallion Central Library"; and
2. Staff will bring back a report to Council for approval to execute the renaming; and
3. The new name will be unveiled in time for Hazel McCallion's 100th birthday on February 14, 2021.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ron Starr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Councillor Ron Starr
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