



City Pays Respect to Former Mayor Michael Young

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VICTORIA, BC — The flag on Victoria's City Hall is flying at half-mast out of respect for former Mayor Michael Young who died on January 11. Mr. Young served several terms as a City of Victoria Councillor and served as Mayor from 1975 until 1979.

"Mr. Young devoted years of his life to serving the City of Victoria," said Mayor Dean Fortin. "He was forward thinking for his time, a strong community leader who helped shape our wonderful City."

During Mayor Young's tenure, the City completed beautification plans for the Inner Harbour moving it away from its industrial beginnings to become closer to what we see today. As Mayor, Young focused on the core services of the municipality, with attention on vital infrastructure including sewers and roads.

Mr. Young was born in Glasgow Scotland in 1943 and immigrated to Canada with his parents in 1948. He attended Victoria College and received a law degree from UBC. Michael Young was a senior law partner with Straith and Company for 30 years. He served on the board of BC Heritage Trust, BC Ferry Corporation and the National Parole Board.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held at the Union Club of Victoria on January 31 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests consideration of a donation to Rotary's Rec for Kids Society (www.recforkids.com) or the Rotary Foundation of Canada (www.trfcanda.org).

The flag will be flown at half-mast from Friday, January 22 until sunset on Sunday, January 31.

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