

Former Peel chair Frank Bean dead at 68

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If there were two things Frank Bean was known for, it was music and politics.



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Although he was recognized more for his successful political career, especially as chair of Peel Region, Bean was equally adept as a musician. For many years, he lent his voice to an annual variety show at Westway United Church in Etobicoke and, when he wasn't busy with politics, the former Ward 3 City of Mississauga councillor spent more than 25 years as an organist and choirmaster.

"If he hadn't gone into politics," said ex-Ward 7 City councillor Dave Cook, "he could have been a superstar singer.

Frank had just an absolutely beautiful voice."

Chair of Peel Region Council for 12 years, Bean died May 20 following a lengthy illness. He was 68.

Emil Kolb, who succeeded Bean as Regional chair in 1991, said the hallmarks of Bean's reign were hard work and equality.

"Frank was always very fair with all the

municipalities (Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon)," said Kolb. "We worked closely when he was chair and Frank had his own views, but he was always willing to allow for debate. He certainly worked hard during his tenure."

Cook, who worked with Bean for three terms during the 1980s, said he was a great chairman who understood regional and municipal government.

"Frank came up through the system, he was a city councillor in Mississauga and he knew what it was like to represent a constituency," said Cook.

Bean is survived by his wife Patricia, daughters Judi, Cindy and Sharon and son David. A memorial service will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Southminster United Church in Niagara Falls.

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