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Top left: Toronto Maple Leafs legend and World War II veteran Johnny Bower was a special guest at several Brampton Beast Military Appreciation games, including the most recent one in 2017; **Top right:** During a Peel Regional Police recruit inauguration ceremony, Honorary Police Chief and Toronto Maple Leaf legend Johnny Bower joins Deputy Chief Dan McDonald in presenting a badge to Matt Zultek, a former professional hockey player who also scored the winning Memorial Cup goal in 1999; **Bottom left:** Former Toronto Maple Leaf goalie Johnny Bower has a look at his statue after its unveiling Maple Leaf Square back in 2014.

Remembering Johnny Bower

Leafs legend gave back in many ways

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By all accounts, Johnny Bower went above and beyond in whatever he did.

That much can be said whether it was in goal with the Toronto Maple Leafs throughout their glory years in the 1960s or off the ice decades later, making public appearance after public appearance well into his 90s.

The hockey world was saddened by his death on Dec. 26 following a short battle with pneumonia at the age of 93, but he's been remembered in the fondest of ways ever since.

On Wednesday, Jan. 3, the Air Canada Centre was packed with admirers who wanted to say goodbye during a public service.

Bower lived in Mississauga for decades up until his death and made his love for his community well known through his charitable work and appearances, often times as a Toronto Maple Leafs ambassador.

In 2003, the Second World War veteran was named the first and to this day, only honorary chief of Peel regional police.

The Hospital for Sick Children, ALS Canada, William Osler Health Centre Foundation, Crime Stoppers of Peel and Victim Services of Peel are just a few of the charities that benefited from his services over the years.