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Community leader for four decades, Tom Dale dies

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The man credited with turning Mississauga's recreation centres into multi-use community facilities has died.

Tom Dale, a town councillor in this area during the '60s, died at Credit Valley Hospital on Friday. He was 69.

A resident of the Mississauga area for more than 45 years, Dale became active in the community from an early age and was a founding member of the Mississauga Real Estate Board in 1954.

Dale went on to serve on the local separate school board in the late '50s before being elected to Toronto Township council in 1960. He served two stints on the council with his second term running from 1966 to 1967.

Active in church

Following his terms on council he again became active in the community, especially with many of the Catholic churches that were built in the late '60s and early '70s.

Also, since 1970, he was chosen as a returning officer for several provincial elections.

His son, Mississauga Ward 4 councillor Frank Dale, said he remembers his father always taking an active role in the community.

"Just the other day I was reminded by Frank McKechnie (long-time councillor for Ward 5) of the important role my dad had in the establishment of the Huron Park Community Centre," his son said. "He realized that by making the centre multi-purpose, the community could get more use out of it. Since then, all community centres have been built that way."

Dale is survived by his wife Velma, four children and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday.