

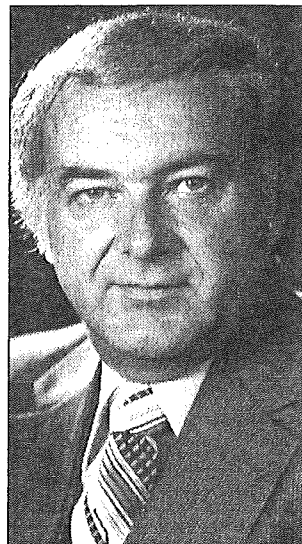
# Dear helped to shape look of Meadowvale

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Ken Dear was one of the first residents of Meadowvale West and one of its most ardent admirers.

When he and his wife Brenda moved to Mississauga in the early 1970s, they were one of the first dozen residents to move into the new community in the northwest corner of the city. The area was a muddy mess at the time.

The former Toronto alderman took an active interest in his new community, becoming the founding president of the Meadowvale Residents' Association, and making deputations to City council urging construction of a community centre.



When Hazel McCallion decided to run for mayor in 1978, Dear jumped into the fray to replace her as Ward 9 councillor, easily defeating student Earl Phillips for the post.

Dear died last week in Credit Valley Hospital of cancer, just two days after his 62nd birthday.

Although he served on City council for only one term, Dear had a significant effect on the development of his home community.

As chairman of the community association, he appeared before Regional council and the environmental assessment board questioning the location of the Britannia Landfill Site.

The community centre he had lobbied for was under construction by the end of his term of office. His daughter Andrea turned the sod at a special ceremony.

The charter member of the Mississauga-Meadowvale Lions Club also championed the bypass around the Village of Meadowvale to preserve the historic area.

When first elected to political office in 1964 at 26 years of age, Dear was the youngest councillor ever elected in the City of Toronto. After five years as a Toronto alderman, representing the Parkdale area, he moved westward.

Dear was defeated by Ted Southorn for the Ward 9 council position in the 1980 Mississauga election.

He then rejoined the Assessment Review Board of Ontario, where he heard tax appeal cases with distinction for many years. He also strongly supported his wife when she tried to follow in his footsteps to represent Ward 9 at the council table.

While the Dears moved from their original home on Estoril Rd., they relocated to nearby Miller's Grove. "We would never leave Meadowvale," Dear said a few months ago. "We've always loved it there."

Dear is survived by Brenda and his daughter Andrea, now 26. A private funeral service was held last week.

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