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McGill, Garnet

# Garnet McGill: A tribute

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Chief Douglas Burrows announced yesterday that the officers of Peel Regional Police were shocked and saddened at the death of former Chief Garnet McGill.

It is a sentiment that will be widely shared by people throughout Mississauga as they learn of the loss of a compassionate and popular fellow citizen who made a vital contribution to the development of this city.

In his 25 years of service as police chief, McGill directed the transformation of the six-man Toronto Township police force into the highly-efficient 190-man Mississauga department. It is no coincidence that nearly all of the senior officers of the Peel regional police, which is considered to be one of the finest forces in Canada, were personally hired and trained by Garnet McGill.

Among his men, Garnet McGill was respected as a chief who never lost his

feel for the man on the street, who understood the problems of his officers and who cared. On the other hand, he believed the citizens of Mississauga had a right to expect the highest levels of ability and conduct from their police officers, and established a tradition in stringent recruiting standards which is maintained to this day.

He was president of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police in 1960 and was one of the prime movers in the establishment of a formal police college at Aylmer, Ont., to provide a consistently high level of training to police officers throughout the province.

After his retirement from the force for health reasons in 1972, Chief McGill continued to display an active interest in the police force he created and the community he served.

He will be missed.