

Philanthropist Harold Shipp dead at 88

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Harold Shipp was a pillar in the community.

Just ask any politician, community leader or even one of the thousands of residents who continue to live in a Shipp-built home.

The Mississauga developer and philanthropist died Sunday night. He was 88.

Considered to be one of the founding fathers of Mississauga, Shipp died at Mississauga Hospital after a short illness, *The News* has learned. Shipp, whose family business, Shipp Corporation Limited, was one of the first builders in Mississauga, was a father grandfather and great-grandfather.

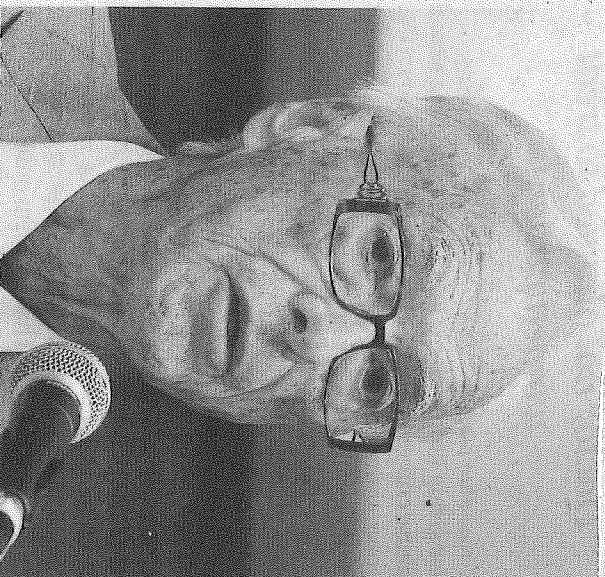
"Harold Shipp dedicated his life to building an even better Mississauga," said former city

councillor, MP and MPP Steve Mahoney. "He will be missed."

Shipp has been a relentless fundraiser for Mississauga's two hospitals. He donated \$6 million in 2005 to help build the Harold G. Shipp & June C. Shipp Stroke Centre at Trillium after his late wife died of a stroke.

Mayor Hazel McCallion has lauded Shipp as

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Builder and philanthropist Harold Shipp died in hospital on Sunday. He was 88.

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a man who "built a legacy in our community, and he has done it his way."

Shipp was a longtime member of the board of directors of the former Queensway Hospital in Etobicoke, which is now part of the CVH-Trillium hospital, beginning in 1971.

In 1974, he joined the board of what was then called South Peel Hospital. It later became Mississauga Hospital and then Trillium Health Centre. Shipp remains honorary chair of The Trillium Health Centre Foundation.

His late wife volunteered at the Mississauga site for 35 years. In 2005, Shipp donated an unprecedented \$6 million to the Trillium capital campaign and challenged others to match his donation.

Ward 5 Councillor Bonnie Crombie said she is deeply saddened by Shipp's death. Shipp was her honorary campaign chair in her bid to become mayor this fall.

"Mr. Shipp was a senior statesman and an architect of our city - a true community builder," she said. "His influence on Mississauga will be felt for generations to come. I was privileged to have been his friend and to have had his support as my honorary Campaign Chair. I will do my best to honour his legacy and work to build Mississauga into a city that he would be proud to call home."

Former Mississauga mayor Ron Searle, 96, said the first home he bought in the city was built by Shipp.

"Harold was the reason I came to Mississauga," he said.

"We were living at Vaughn Road and St. Clair when I heard ads on the radio to buy a home in Applewood, with an apple tree in each yard. When I got here, there were none left. Instead, we bought (another Shipp home) in Orchard Heights. I've been here since 1953."