



Statement from the Mayor

Passing of David Onley, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario For Immediate Release

(January 16, 2023 - Midland, ON) It is with great sadness that the Town of Midland joins Ontarians in remembering David Onley, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

On behalf of our Council, the entire administration, the Town of Midland Accessibility Committee and our residents, I offer sincere condolences to the family of David Onley. He was a passionate advocate for making this province accessible for Ontarians and worked tirelessly to help remove barriers for all people with physical disabilities.

Mr. Onley was born in Midland, and the Town had the great privilege to honour him at a civic reception along with members of our Accessibility Committee in 2007 after his appointment as Lieutenant Governor. On June 12, 2013, the Town officially dedicated David Onley Park to honour and recognize his achievements in championing disability issues in Ontario.

In memory of David Onley and in honour of his legacy, flags have been lowered to half-mast at the Town Hall.



David C. Onley and Ruth Onley with members of the Accessibility Committee in 2007 at a Civic Ceremony for Mr. Onley.

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Unveiling of the David Onley Park, where former Midland Mayor Gord McKay and guests honoured David Onley's accomplishments as a champion of accessibility.

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