

Statement by Mayor Don Iveson on the Death of Nelson Mandela

On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, we wish to express our heartfelt sadness on the death of Nelson Mandela. On the day of his public memorial in Johannesburg, Edmontonians join citizens from around the world in reflection and remembrance of one of the greatest leaders in our collective history.

As the first black South African President, Mandela ended segregation and fostered racial reconciliation among all South Africans. He not only helped establish the country's first fully representative democracy but also worked tirelessly to end poverty and inequality. Mandela's time as President, which has become known as the "golden age of hope and harmony," transformed his country and the world. His courage, determination and belief that anything is possible will continue to inspire generations.



While we mourn this loss, let us also reflect on the indelible legacy Nelson Mandela leaves behind. His accomplishments will continue to remind us of the power of the human spirit and the imperative to always advocate for peace, justice and equality for all people.

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