

The Town of Drayton Valley mourns the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Today I join the millions of people worldwide who are coming together to honour and mourn the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She was a steadfast presence in our democracy, and the face of our government and parliament for seven decades. Her presence is felt in all corners of our country – from our currency, to our street names, to our Rocky Mountain ranges. She was an effortless dignitary; diplomatic and graceful in the face of many challenges and changing times throughout history. Her voice always a comfort in times of difficulty. She reigned with grace, and will remain an unwavering figure in Canadian history for decades to come.

My thoughts are with the Royal Family during this difficult time, and on behalf of the Town of Drayton Valley, I offer my condolences. Undoubtedly her passing is a tragic loss for the family, but may they find comfort in knowing that her commitment to public service had an impact on the nation and was felt around the world.

Queen Elizabeth II was the longest reigning monarch in British history and leaves behind a monumental legacy. Her dedication and example of serving one's community, and her esteemed values are the pillars on which we have built our great nation. Drayton Valley joins the cities and countries of the Commonwealth who mourn the loss of such an important leader and her devotion to service. Throughout her reign, we were privileged to welcome Her late Majesty to Alberta on many occasions and she always brought with her a warm compassion for our people.

Flags at the Civic Centre will be lowered to half-mast to honour her exceptional life and dedication to humanity. Residents can send messages of support through an online book of condolence, which is available at alberta.ca/QueenElizabethMemorial. A Celebration of Life is to be held in the coming days, and I encourage everyone to honour the life and legacy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her spirit is embedded in our country, and we owe her the utmost gratitude for her service.

Thank you, Your Majesty.

Mayor Nancy Dodds