



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

**Memorial Tribute**  
to  
**Professor T. Cameron Kenney**  
**Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering, University of Toronto**  
**November 26, 2008**

**Moved by:** Brenda McCabe

**Seconded by:** Barry Adams

Be it resolved that the Council of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering record with deep regret the death on August 19, 2008 of Professor T. Cameron Kenney.

Professor Kenney completed his undergraduate work at McGill University, where he was a starting half back of the football team, and upon receiving the Athlone Fellowship went on to complete a Masters degree at Imperial College, University of London. He returned to Canada to work for H.G. Acres Ltd. in Niagara Falls for four years before moving to Oslo to undertake research in soil mechanics at the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute. His work there formed the basis of his Ph.D., subsequently awarded by the University of London. He chose to return to Canada rather than accept appointments offered by leading universities in the United States.

Professor Kenney accepted appointment to the faculty of the Department of Civil Engineering in 1967. For the next 30 years he was actively engaged in geotechnical engineering research and a dedicated and inspiring teacher.

He was Chair of Civil Engineering from 1968 to 1974, the first Chair to be selected under new policies for University governance. As Chair, Professor Kenney was instrumental in enriching academic programs, establishing standards of excellence, and transforming the Department into one of the leading research and teaching institutions on the continent. Admired and respected as a consummate professional, he was a fair and dedicated leader who made the interests of students, career advancement for junior faculty, and the wellbeing of the Department his most important priorities.

Professor Kenney also served as Speaker of the Faculty Council and Chair of the Faculty's Ombuds Committee. He was regarded by many as a true friend, whose judgments and insights were always valued.

He is survived by Margot, his wife of 48 years, and by his children Blair, Gail, Brian and Mark.

Be it further resolved that this tribute to Professor Kenney be inscribed in the minutes of this Council meeting and that copies be sent to his family as an expression of the respect and gratitude of the members of this Council.

*[Prepared with reference to contributions by Professors Emeritus Richard Soberman and Mike Uzumeri.]*