



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Memorial Tribute to

GERALD N. STEUART

**Professor Emeritus
Department of Civil & Mineral Engineering**

February 24, 2025

Be it resolved –

THAT the Council of the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering record with deep regret the death on November 18, 2024 of Professor Emeritus Gerald N. Steuart.

Professor Steuart was an accomplished scholar, holding a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan and an M.S and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

Professor Steuart joined the Department in 1970 as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to full professor in 1986. Since 1997 he has been Professor Emeritus. He taught transportation-related courses and has supervised numerous undergraduate, masters and doctoral students. In 1990, the University of Toronto – York University Joint Program in Transportation was established and became a Centre within the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering. Professor Steuart was invited to serve as the first Director of the Centre and he held this position until 1996. The Joint Program in Transportation emerged as one of the leading transport research centres in North America. Professor Steuart's intellectual contribution to its research program and his administration of the program was widely recognized.

Gerry founded the transportation section in our Department. He set in motion its directions, established its vibrant spirit, built its richness, reputation and standing. He was also the founding Director of the Data Management Group, which for 36 years and counting has been a world leader in travel data collection and of immeasurable benefit to transportation planning in the Greater Toronto Area and beyond. But just listing his academic achievements would be to miss his essence. Intellectual integrity? Unwavering honesty? Thoroughness? Caring? A Mensch ... Words fail. When his name comes up in conversation with ex-students, mentorship is usually mentioned. Gerry was someone they looked up to, someone who influenced what and how they think, a role model who shaped what they became.

In June of 2012, a former student of Gerry's provided a large endowment to establish the Professor Gerald Steuart Graduate Scholarship in Transportation Engineering which is awarded annually to a graduate student enrolled in civil engineering who is undertaking advanced

research in transportation engineering and who demonstrates a strong commitment to pursuing innovative solutions to pressing transportation problems facing urban centres or airports in any region of the world.

Be it further resolved –

THAT this tribute to Professor Emeritus Gerald N. Steuart 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 by Professor and Chair Marianne Hatzopoulou
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