

GEORGE FREDERICK FERGUSON LEGACY FUND

George Frederick Ferguson, former Mayor of Abbotsford, died a year ago on March 7, 2017 at the age of 91.

George lived his life to the fullest and always loved what he was doing.

George was a long time elected public servant with a legendary political biography. He was Alderman and Mayor of the District of Sumas and after amalgamation into the District of Abbotsford served as its only Mayor and after amalgamation with the District of Matsqui in 1995 served as the first Mayor of the new City of Abbotsford. Under George's leadership, the City of Abbotsford in 1996 purchased the Abbotsford Airport from the Government of Canada for a symbolic ten dollars. He was elected as President of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and as President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

George retired in 2008 at age 83 after having served the public for over 36 years. He aspired to be and was a true "servant of the people".

George was the proud recipient of many awards, including the Order of Abbotsford and Citizen of the Year in 2011.

In memory of George, his wife Ria, with the support of family and friends, established the George Frederick Ferguson Legacy Fund with the Abbotsford Community Foundation to provide a permanent benefit to charities having programs addressing homelessness in Abbotsford, which George felt strongly about and worked diligently to address. Your financial gift will help build this permanent fund and will support organizations in Abbotsford with programs to assist homeless people in our community. Please consider a donation to this fund in honor of former Mayor George Ferguson to commemorate the anniversary of his death.

To see George's Legacy Story, go to https://abbotsfordcf.org/abbotsford-legacy-stories-book/

You can donate online at www.abbotsfordcf.org or by cheque payable to: Abbotsford Community Foundation

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