

J.P. ST-PIERRE BUILDING NAMING CEREMONY

SPEECH by Municipal CAO Jean Leduc and MAYOR Pierre Leroux

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CÉRÉMONIE DE DÉDICACE DE L'ÉDIFICE J.P. ST-PIERRE

DISCOURS du directeur général Jean Leduc et du maire Pierre Leroux

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On this very special occasion, I wish to speak on behalf of all municipal staff about our former boss, friend and great community leader. Au nom des employés municipaux, j'aimerais exprimer pourquoi nommer cet édifice au nom de J.P. St-Pierre nous rend si fiers. On this naming ceremony, I thought it would make great sense to use the letters in J.P. ST-Pierre to describe him and make a connecting link to this building. I've asked Mayor Leroux to assist me with this acrostic.

Let's start by J.P. A nickname that is still vibrant and never gets old!

J. pour les **Jeunes** de la communauté. Il avait à cœur l'épanouissement de nos enfants et c'est pourquoi il a fait bien des efforts pour sécuriser le terrain pour la bibliothèque. **Youth** development was a priority for him and he knew that a new and modern library for this community would do wonders for their learning aptitudes and environment. This is why he got involved with the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario to open discussions on the negotiation of a 50-year lease for the use of this site.

P. for **playfull or plaisir**. J.P. was a great sports fan of hockey, golf, curling, and much more. He understood the power of having fun with music and/or with any other form of art and culture. He was a great supporter for the children's reading garden although he never had the chance to see the final product. Son sens du **plaisir** et son amour pour le jeu ont fait qu'il adorait le coin des petits ainsi que le jardin de lecture pour enfants de cette bibliothèque.

St_Pierre is a family name that is well known inside and outside the boundaries of this township. Ce nom de famille raisonne depuis bien longtemps à l'intérieur comme à l'extérieur de notre communauté.

S for **seniors/aînés**. J.P. was very respectful and proud of the involvement of our seniors in the community. He felt that seniors would benefit from getting together with others or their grandkids in this great looking building. Il exprimait bien souvent sa fierté et était heureux d'échanger avec nos **aînés** qui avaient tant donné à cette communauté et voyait le bienfait de se rassembler dans ce bel édifice.

T pour **technologie**. J.P. était très à l'affût de la technologie ayant œuvré longtemps dans l'informatique et il croyait en son utilité et aux bénéfices pour les affaires. Technology for J.P. was a natural. He embraced it and was very happy that this library would be enjoying the latest technology available while making it accessible for anyone who did not have access to it.

P stands for **professionalism, passion and partnership**. He always carried himself in a very professional manner no matter the circumstances. He was also a great promoter of partnerships and the library does share these values. J.P. était un homme de diverses passions pour la lecture, les sports et la politique. En vrai **professionnel**, il aimait développer des **partenariats** qui pouvaient faire avancer bien des causes ou projets.

I pour **intelligence**. Cette bibliothèque sert à développer le savoir, l'intellect de tous les niveaux d'âge et d'occupations dans notre communauté. He was greatly motivated to always enhance his knowledge about the things he really liked. He used his intelligence for the benefit of the Russell Police Village as well as for Municipal Council and various other boards he sat on throughout his life.

E stands for **essential, education and excellence** et **empathique**. He felt that a library in this village was essential and that it would support the education of our community, which in return would yield individuals that would strive for excellence. J.P. était également un homme très **empathique** envers les résidents mais tout autant pour nous les employés municipaux et ses collègues à la table du conseil. Pour lui, une bibliothèque était essentielle dans un village pour l'éducation et l'excellence de sa population.

R pour rassembleur et reconnaissance. J.P. avait cette grande qualité de pouvoir rassembler plein de gens pour réaliser autant de petits comme de grands projets comme celui de cette bibliothèque. Il savait reconnaître les forces et qualités des gens qui l'entouraient.

R for radiant and relaxing. In our first design meetings, he wanted to make sure that this building would be radiant so that the whole community would be proud of it. He also wanted it to greet as many users as possible in a very relaxing environment. I believe that we succeeded in delivering his vision.

E pour émérite and embracement. En dédicaçant cet édifice, J.P. sera reconnu pour toujours comme un citoyen et maire émérite de cette municipalité. This naming event will forever state how J.P. embraced this community and how this Township was deeply grateful of his contribution.

We appreciate that J.P.'s family (Jocelyn, Jeff, Steve, Ruth and Tracy) and other members of his family were here today.