

**Kenneth Harvey McConnell, O.L.S. (Ret.)
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Ken began his surveying career immediately after graduating from Danforth Tech High School in 1946. Ken worked for the Department of Highways of Ontario for six years while articling with Harold Howden, O.L.S. and received his commission as an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1951. In May of 1953 the Attorney General of Ontario requested Ken to perform a survey of a large tract of land within Trafalgar Township (Oakville) and it was then that Ken started his private practice. The practice continued to grow and a branch office was opened in 1960 when forming a partnership with teaching associate and mentor, John E. Jackson, O.L.S.

Ken broadened his international experience in 1963 by becoming a chartered surveyor for the Island of Montserrat. The year of 1974 was the beginning of considerable change for McConnell – Jackson. John E. Jackson passed away and in 1975 Ken formed a new partnership with fellow surveyor Michael J.M. Maughan, O.L.S. Also in 1975 the firm purchased the practice of another Oakville surveyor Harry D. Sewell, O.L.S. as he retired. Later that same year, the firm purchased the practice of John C. Beatson; O.L.S. in Toronto and Dennis Fisher, O.L.S. joins the firm to manage the Toronto Office.

The next year the growth of McConnell Maughan Limited continued as the discipline of municipal engineering was added and the firm was incorporated. Ken continued to advance himself and received his commission as a Canada Lands Surveyor in 1981. The firm continued to be prosperous for another sixteen years until October 1992. Ken moved to Bobcaygeon in 1993 to begin his retirement, although he continued consulting work in land development and surveying Crown Lands throughout the surrounding area.

Ken's passion for his surveying work extended to education as he taught technical surveying courses at Humber College, and appeared as guest lecturer for the University of Toronto (Erindale Campus) and the University of New Brunswick. Ken was actively involved in the affairs of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors as a member of Council, Assistant to the Board of Examiners, Past Chair of the Education Committee, Past Chair of the Continuing Education Committee and a member of numerous other committees.

Ken's enthusiasm for life extended to the community also. Ken's keen interest in scouting resulted in achieving Assistant District Commissioner in Toronto. Community involvement also included being an active member of the Rotary Club in Oakville and Past President of the Downsview Rotary Club, Past President and long time member of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce, Past Director of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, member of the Business Advisory Committee for the Town of Oakville, member of the Halton Region Tourism Committee and still had time to build a family cottage at Coboconk in the Kawarthas for his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be sorely missed.