

# Sign book of condolences for Mandela at town offices

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Flags have been lowered to half-mast at the municipal offices as well as at all town facilities in honour of Nelson Mandela, who died Dec. 5.

A memorial service was held Tuesday. A state funeral will take place at his home in Qunu Sunday. A book of condolences will be

available in the town hall's main foyer, 111 Sandiford Dr., until Dec. 16 for residents to share their thoughts and memories of Mr. Mandela. It will then be sent to the South African government, through the Canadian embassy.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson and the members of council extend heartfelt condolences to Mr. Mandela's family, friends and the citi-

zens of South Africa, according to the town's media release.

After being imprisoned for 27 years by the former government of South Africa, Mr. Mandela emerged and continued his dedication to the peaceful end of apartheid in South Africa.

In 1991, Mr. Mandela became the first black president of South Africa to be elected in a democrat-

ic society. He held that office until 1997. He went on to serve as the secretary general of the non-aligned movement from 1998 to 1999.

Mr. Mandela received more than 250 honours, including the Order of Canada, the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize and the United States Presidential Medal of Freedom. Mr. Mandela was also recognized by the Government of Canada and

Parliament as Canada's first honorary citizen.

Mr. Mandela's commitment to South Africa and his unwavering belief in fairness, equity and justice for all is a lasting legacy. He has been recognized as a hero, leader and true inspiration with a legacy that will be honoured by many generations to come, according to the town's media release.

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