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NOTICE OF MOTION

Thanks and Recognition to RH Thompson and Martin Conboy for Staging Vigil 1914-1918

Moved by: Councillor Vaughan

Seconded by: Councillor Davis

SUMMARY:

On November 4, 2008, at Sundown, a remarkable vigil commenced that saw the names of each Canadian killed in World War One projected onto the east tower of City Hall. The projection began at dusk and ended at dawn, for 10 days, with the names of 68,000 Canadian citizens who perished projected for 8 seconds each in an act of remembrance that was as beautiful as it was powerful.

This memorial was also projected on public buildings across Canada and in Trafalgar Square in London, England, where it was officially opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

This tremendous project was the vision of local actor RH Thompson of Toronto and Theatrical designer Martin Conboy, supported by the generosity of Jim and Margaret Fleck, the Toronto Star and City staff from Facilities and Real Estate Division, Culture Division, City Clerk's Protocol Section and the Partnership Office.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the Mayor and City Council convey their gratitude and praise for this dignified and honourable act of remembrance.
- 2. That the City formally thank all involved for their vision and grace.

December 1, 2008.

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

| Notice given | (v) |
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| Fiscal Impact Statement provided | |
| Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate | * |
| Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate | |
| Should be referred to Executive Committee | (v) |
| Requires two-thirds vote to consider at this meeting | |
| Motion Recommendations are Urgent | |

^{*} Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to advise.