

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by:**            **Councillor Nunziata**

**Seconded by:**      **Councillor Ford**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of James Ferguson Crawford on June 14, 2009.

James Ferguson Crawford was a renowned Metropolitan Toronto Police Officer for 37 years where he was head of the Homicide Squad and worked on hundreds of high profile murder cases.

James is best known for his heroic efforts during Hurricane Hazel in the fall of 1954. The storm claimed 81 lives, but the number would have been much higher were it not for Mr. Crawford and a man named Herb Jones. With a 13-foot boat, the duo made 15 trips on Raymore Drive and Dee Avenue, rescuing dozens of people who were trapped on their roofs due to the high flooding. The story is well documented, with the papers of the time praising their heroic acts and later, books, television interviews and documentaries following suit in their tribute. In 2006, the City of Toronto named the park at the end of Dee Avenue as “Crawford-Jones Memorial Park”.

James Crawford touched the hearts and souls of many with his bravery and will be sadly missed.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the Crawford family.

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