

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: **Councillor Walker**

Seconded by: **Councillor Mihevc**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of John Russell Telford “Jack” Bennett on October 19, 2009.

Mr. Bennett, known as “Jack” to his many friends, colleagues and family will be missed, especially by his beloved daughters Carolyn (Peter) of Toronto and Jill (Jeff) of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta and his grandchildren Jack, Ben, Jeremy and Juli, of whom he was so proud.

Jack and his wife and partner of 55 years, Eunice Denby Bennett (1948-2003), were both actively involved in the North Toronto and Forest Hill community and their impact and effect will be felt for many years to come.

Jack Bennett grew up in Toronto, and after attending Central Commerce, joined the Forest Hill Police and Fire Departments. In 1941, he signed up to serve his country in World War II, in which he was later wounded by mortar fire in the Liberation of Holland.

Jack Bennett was involved in his community in many ways; he was a Sunday School superintendent at Forest Hill United Church, decades-long sponsor of North Toronto Atom Hockey, and a charter member and past president of Forest Hill Rotary. It is said that he lived by the Rotary motto, “Service above self”.

Jack Bennett personified the values of his great generation: he served his Country and community with distinction, he looked after his family and colleagues with love and care and generosity, and he was steadfast and true. Jack touched the lives of everyone he met and worked with and is a true example of community service and he will be dearly missed.

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

October 26, 2009