

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Pantalone

Seconded by: Councillor Giambrone

The Mayor, and Members of Toronto City Council, are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Henry David (Hank) Hinch-Young on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

Like most Torontonians, Mr. Young was not born in Toronto. Born on February 22, 1941, he moved in the 1950's to Toronto from Halifax, Nova Scotia. In many ways, Hank was widely known as a committed activist. His contribution was most evident in the Niagara Neighbourhood Association (NNA), one of the oldest Residents' Associations in the City of Toronto. Besides being active in NNA for close to twenty years, Mr. Young was both a friend and, later, Director of the Friends of Fort York (1999-2004). Always willing to move from commitment to action, Hank was renowned for organizing volunteers to feed the re-enactors from across the Country and beyond for Fort York's annual battles. He was a vital chef for Niagara Neighbourhood's Out of the Cold Program which operated out of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. He volunteered many hours to the Garrison Creek Linkages Project and the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Toronto Police Services – 14 Division. Interested in politics, Hank ran for Toronto District Public School Trustee and for Toronto Council in 1997. In 2005, he joined the staff at the newly renovated Gladstone Hotel and became a good friend to the newer locals in the community and a warm ambassador to visitors to Toronto. Throughout his life, Hank was known for his story telling and love of a country song, his compassion for the underdog and his never wavering belief in common people. His open heart and his zest for life will always be remembered.

Mr. Henry David (Hank) Hinch-Young had nine children: Michael, Shawn, Craig, Glen, Charles, Eugene, Sandy, Christine and Lisa; fifteen grandchildren; and sixteen great grandchildren.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Mr. Henry David (Hank) Hinch-Young's family.

November 30, 2009