

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor Davis

On December 6, 1989, 14 women were murdered at L'Ecole Polytechnique at the University de Montreal. On that day, Marc Lepine walked into the school with a semi-automatic rifle. He separated the women from the men and asked the men to leave. He then murdered 14 of the women students:

Maryse Laganiere
Genevieve Bergeron
Helene Colgan
Nathalie Croteau
Barbara Daigneault
Anne-Marie Edward
Barbara Maria Klueznick
Maryse Leclair
Anne-Marie Lemay
Annie St-Arneault
Sonia Pelletier
Michele Richard
Maud Haviernick
Annie Turcotte

In the days after the murders, a motto emerged, "First mourn then work for change". Since that day in 1989 women and men across the country have joined together to remember and to take action to stop violence against women.

On December 6th, the anniversary of these tragic events is commemorated in Toronto and across Canada as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

As we take the opportunity to recognize the anniversary, we ask City Council to reflect on the memory of the 14 women murdered on December 6, 1989, and of all victims of violence against women. We ask City Council to recognize that violence against women continues to be a serious problem in our City and to ensure that we continue take action to bring about the necessary changes to ensure the safety of women and girls in Toronto.

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