

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by: Councillor Fletcher**

**Seconded by: Mayor Miller**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of award-winning novelist and musician, Paul Quarrington, on Thursday, January 21, 2010.

Born in Don Mills Ontario, Paul was a celebrated Canadian author and a man of diverse talents, whose credits include screenwriter, filmmaker, TV writer, musician, and non-fiction writer.

Last May, he was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer and in the following months, kept up a grueling pace to complete many artistic endeavors. He penned his memoirs, entitled Cigar Box Banjo, recorded his first solo CD and recorded his third CD with his band the Pork Belly Futures.

In a career that spanned nearly 30 years, Paul is probably most famous for his novel “Whale Music”, for which he received the Governor General’s Award for Literature in 1989 and later adapted to film.

He was also famous for his trademark sense of humour and in 1988 won the Stephen Leacock Award for his hockey novel, King Leary. Paul’s other novels, Galveston and The Ravine received nominations for the Scotiabank Giller prize.

Last November, the International Festival of Authors honoured Paul in a laughter- filled celebration with tributes from Margaret Atwood, Nino Ricci and Roddy Doyle. He was a prolific and gifted Canadian writer who will be missed.

Paul passed away peacefully at home with his family and friends by his side.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Paul Quarrington’s family and friends.

January 26, 2010