

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: **Councillor Grimes**

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The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the recent passing of Michael Arthur Overs following a courageous battle with cancer.

A Toronto native, Michael Overs grew up in the Beach neighbourhood and left home at 17 to work full-time. His success from there is legendary, as he leaves behind a chain of 635 eateries across Canada.

Pizza may have been invented in Italy, but many think delivery pizza was perfected in Toronto. Michael Overs' legacy started to take shape on New Year's Eve in 1967, when he opened a 300-square-foot store at Parliament and Wellesley naming it Pizza Pizza.

Overs turned Pizza Pizza into one of Canada's leading chains with every child in Canada being able to recite that famous 967 -11-11 jingle. Overs was still with the company as CEO when he died at age 70.

With the help of his family, employees and partners, Overs was noted for constant innovation, developing not only a well known menu of products but one of the world's first insulated pizza-delivery bags. Michael realized one of his dreams when he succeeded in building the new energy efficient green head office in 2010, demonstrating his passionate commitment to the environment and the community. It was Michael's belief that Pizza Pizza should embrace the communities it serves, lending its name and sponsorship to local events and fundraising.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Michael Overs wife Lilian, son Ian and daughter Liza.

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