

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor David Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Greg Rich on August 15, 2010.

As an urban designer with the City Planning Division for the past 10 years, Mr. Rich was an invaluable member of the public sector. He was passionate about improving our city and worked tirelessly in his position as a landscape architect to make Toronto a greener place to live, work and visit.

Mr. Rich worked on a number of civic improvement projects throughout the city including the commemoration of the Garrison Creek, plazas in King-Parliament and King-Spadina, gateway projects and the Dufferin-Queen underpass beautification. His involvement with the Toronto Waterfront Regeneration Project in particular helped to make a significant improvement to the Toronto cityscape. Mr. Rich also worked for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority where he was heavily involved in gaining Canadian Heritage River status for the Humber River.

In addition to his work with the City, Mr. Rich was also a volunteer with GreenHere, a local charity dedicated to increasing the urban forest in lower income communities and was instrumental in the implementation of the organization's Dovercourt Shade Sail canopy pilot project.

Mr. Rich's love of the outdoors was reflected not only in his work, but in his personal life too. He was an avid hiker who loved to explore the local parks of Ontario and was a long-time member of the Bruce Trail Association. Mr. Rich was also a travel enthusiast who traveled all over the world, including Central America where he worked on a number of community development projects.

Mr. Rich's undeniable passion to improve the public realm in Toronto will truly be missed by all City staff who had the pleasure to work alongside him over the years.

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

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