

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Walker

Mayor Miller and Members of Council are saddened by the sudden passing of Robert "Bob" Woadden on July 2, 2010.

Born in England in 1922, Mr. Woadden began his career as a librarian and immigrated to Canada in 1956. In 1960 he received his formal appointment as City Archivist, and turned his attention to the establishment of the first municipal archives in English-speaking Canada. Over the next several years he developed an integrated records and archives program, with the Archives initially located in the attic of Old City Hall. In 1965, when New City Hall opened, the Archives were relocated to more favourable premises there. Mr. Woadden was an active professional archivist, serving on many committees of the Society of American Archivists, prior to the formation of the Association of Canadian Archivists. In 1975, he was appointed Toronto's Deputy City Clerk, and remained in this position until 1984 when he retired.

Mr. Woadden's efforts and contributions have left a significant imprint on the archival landscape. His legacy will be remembered by all who worked for and with him, as they have benefited from his leadership and perseverance in building a successful municipal archival program.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Robert "Bob" Woadden's wife Rosemary Milne-Woadden and his family.

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