

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by:** Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

**Seconded by:** Councillor Adam Vaughan

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of seven individuals who have died as a result of homelessness since January 2011.

Jacqueline Baxter and L.J. passed away in January 2011. Christopher William Gardian and Billy Smith passed away in February 2011. Kenny Ogden passed away on March 29, 2011. Gary G. and Lisa Palmero both passed away in April 2011.

Toronto is Canada's largest city and sixth largest government. In a City as affluent as Toronto, there are over 25,000 men, women and children who find themselves homeless each year in Toronto. Every day, poverty, hunger, violence, abuse, addictions, mental health, and death are among the many challenges that homeless individuals must face. Since 1985, there have been over 600 recorded deaths of individuals who have lived and died on the streets of Toronto as a direct result of homelessness. There is a memorial service held on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m. outside the south door of Holy Trinity to remember those who have died as a result of homelessness in Toronto.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to family and friends, through the Church of the Holy Trinity, to remember Jacqueline Baxter, L.J., Christopher William Gardian, Billy Smith, Kenny Ogden, Gary G. and Lisa Palmero and the many other men, women and children who continue to struggle as they live on our streets.

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