

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Vincent Crisanti

Seconded by: Councillor Doug Ford

The Mayor and Member of Toronto City Council mourn the passing of Richard Zammit who passed away on May 1, 2011. Richard was a dedicated public servant who gave generously of his skills, talents and passion to the residents of the City of Toronto for 36 years.

Richard was one year away from his retirement. He leaves behind Mary, his wife, and sons Matthew and Daniel.

Richard began his career in the former Metropolitan Toronto in the 1970s, serving in the public works department. He became a building inspector in the 1980s. Richard was based at the Etobicoke Civic Centre, working with a team of roughly 25 professionals at the City's Building Inspection Division. His job brought him in contact with thousands of Torontonians, and his work ensured they would have safe spaces to live, work and play in.

Conversations with Richard's colleagues reveal that he brought his whole heart to his job. He imparted an immense presence on the workplace and was described by a colleague as "a real City guy". Richard was a decent man and full of life. It is not surprising that his colleagues are among those who will mourn him the most, and together we hope the many fond memories of Richard will provide comfort for them for years to come.

Outside his career, Richard's hobbies included fishing and camping, and he enjoyed trips to Florida with his family and visiting relatives in Malta. He had drawn up a set of adventures in retirement with many life-long friends including Joe Luzi, a supervisor with Municipal Licensing and Standards, and Henry Lafiura a building inspector who retired in 2011.

Richard's life and death remind us that while our days and weeks can be complicated, the important things are simple: work hard, love your family, give generously of your gifts, and your legacy will follow. Richard Zammit's legacy is that of a family man, a good friend, and a faithful servant to Torontonians. We are fortunate to have been in his company.

The City Clerk s requested to convey, on behalf of the members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the Zammit family.

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