

## **CONDOLENCE MOTION**

**Moved by: Councillor Mark Grimes**

**Seconded by: Mayor Rob Ford**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the tragic accident that resulted in the deaths of 44 individuals, including 40 members of the Lokomotiv Ice Hockey Team from Yaroslavl, a leading force in Russian hockey, on September 8, 2011.

The Lokomotiv ice hockey team from Yaroslavl was travelling on a plane to Belarus for the opening game of the season in the Kontinental Hockey League (KHL). The KHL is an international club league that brings together teams from Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Latvia and Slovakia. Lokomotiv is a three-time Russian champion, winning its last title in 2003. It has been at the forefront of an effort to rebuild Russian hockey that started with the 2008 formation of the KHL.

The team was coached by Brad McCrimmon, a Canadian who played 18 seasons in the NHL between 1979 and 1997, and included well known international players from across Europe, and former members of the NHL, including the Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey Club.

This single event is known as the greatest tragedy in Russian Hockey. City of Toronto residents and hockey fans across our community empathize with the words of Gary Bettman, the Commissioner of the NHL who said, "though it occurred thousands of miles away from our home arenas, this tragedy represents a catastrophic loss to the hockey world".

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to families of the persons who died in this tragic accident, to Vladislav A. Tretiak, President of the Russian Ice Hockey Federation and to Dmitri A. Medvedev President, Kontinental Hockey League, on this great loss.

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