

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon

Seconded by: Councillor Shelley Carroll

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Glenn Cochrane on Sunday June 10, 2012.

Glenn was a fixture of the Balmy Beach neighbourhood for over 40 years and was a committed community leader and volunteer, giving his unlimited time and energy to his neighbourhood in Ward 32 for more than 30 years. He began volunteering at Community Centre 55 in the early 1980's and later became its Executive Director for nine years. One of his first roles was as Lord Mayor of Ward Nine. This was a fundraising competition where Glenn would wear a tricorne hat into all the local bars, ring a school bell and announce the contest. Community 55 members would be behind him selling tickets. The winner was treated as Lord Mayor for the day, and got to take seven people by limo to the King Edward or Royal York Hotel for dinner. This was a popular event which was repeated for many years.

Glenn was a driving force behind CC55's fundraising for the 1999 Neville Park Fire, raising \$33,000 to help the victims of that fire. He was also the main impetus in saving the Leuty Lifeguard Station from demolition, which has now become a symbol of the Beach community. When he wasn't busy with Community Centre 55, Glenn found other ways to serve his community – he was a respected historian, published author, Beach Metro newspaper columnist, and volunteer at the local Synagogue's Interfaith Luncheon program, to name just a few activities. His presence was everywhere.

Glenn was a tremendously supportive leader and an extremely giving volunteer.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Glenn Cochrane's wife Jean, daughter Judy, and all his Community Centre 55 family.

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