

CONDOLENCE MOTION

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

Seconded by: **Councillor Frances Nunziata**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Bryan McCarey, a strong tenant advocate and community leader who died after a lengthy battle with cancer on November 17, 2012.

As a Tenant Representative with Toronto Community Housing, Bryan was integral in creating the reorganized tenant engagement system and advocated tirelessly for vulnerable residents struggling with multiple challenges. Bryan could not be stopped or deterred from demanding change in his community and across the City. He was a founding member of TCH's City Wide Tenant Engagement Reference Committee as well as the Governance and Communications Staff and Tenant Working Groups. He served both as an elected tenant representative and as a tenant leader, a role which emerged via his work with the Tenant Engagement Reference Committee.

As a community member and as a Tenant Leader, he was well known for being a passionate dedicated activist who knew no bounds when it came to fighting for social justice, for the rights and freedom to live in peace in our neighborhoods.

The endless hours, the time and the energy he devoted towards creating positive healthy environments for people living poverty will not be forgotten. A tremendous force, his energy was compromised in his final years by a disease that wracked both his body and his mind.

What we will not forget are Bryan's contributions to the City and his unfailing compelling determination to make Toronto a better place.

This is a tragic death of a community leader who actively fought for equity, but it is also a celebration of a man who made a difference in many lives across Toronto, whether they are aware of it or not. Bryan's legacy will live on in the systems he helped to create. It will live on in the structures he fought to reform. Most of all, it will live on in the lives he touched.

It is with much sadness and also with hope and celebration that Council commemorate his life and contributions.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to family and friends of Bryan McCarey.

November 27, 2012