

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor Rob Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Doug Ford

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Alfredo DeGasperis on March 27, 2013.

Alfredo DeGasperis was born in the province of Frosinone, Lazio, Italy, and at the age of 17 immigrated to Canada. From humble beginnings as a general labourer, Mr. DeGasperis went on to become one of Toronto's most known contractors.

Over 51 years ago, Mr. DeGasperis and his brothers formed a small concrete and drain company incorporated under the name ConDrain Construction. Over the years, the company evolved into one of the largest sewer and water-main installation companies in Canada and into a major operation within the land development industry.

In the early 1970s, Alfredo DeGasperis was part of a group of Italian-Canadians who helped create an organization to assist seniors while preserving Italian culture and customs - North York's Villa Colombo. He served as vice-chair of the Villa Charities Foundation board of directors and took the role of chair of major gifts for the Amore Campaign, which raised funds for the construction of Villa Colombo Vaughan and the refurbishment of many of Villa Charities' projects.

Mr. Alfredo DeGasperis has been recognized for his immense impact as a contractor, developer, builder and philanthropist. He spent countless hours working to benefit charities and those they serve. The Alfredo and Teresa DeGasperis Chair in Heart Failure Surgery was established in recognition of his generous support of Toronto General Hospital. Mr. DeGasperis was inducted into the Italian Hall of Fame which pays tribute to the extraordinary achievements of Italians in all fields.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Alfredo DeGasperis's family.

April 4, 2013