

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Alnoor Sayani on November 6, 2013.

Over his seventeen years operating Lahore Tikka House on Gerrard Street East, Alnoor Sayani was a leader in the neighbourhood and worked tirelessly to promote community values in the Gerrard India Bazaar. Under Alnoor's leadership Lahore Tikka House grew into a cultural centre in the community, host celebrations marking Pakistan's Independence Day and providing employment opportunities to the community.

Born in Uganda, Alnoor came to Canada from England by himself at age 16 without a dollar to his name, and began working selling flowers at Niagara Falls to fund his education. Alnoor was truly a self-made man and was always working to give back to his community. He supported the volunteers of the Agakhan Foundation Partnership Walk with food from his restaurant and taught religious education in the neighbourhood.

Alnoor's story is the quintessential Toronto story, of hard work and community bridge building. Above all, Alnoor worked to make the Gerrard India Bazaar a place of safe and open dialogue, and we will continue to honour his work.

Along with his leadership and commitment to community, Alnoor was a devoted family man married to his wife Gulshan Allibhai for 17 years and raising two sons, Adam and Ayan.

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

November 14, 2013