

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor Rob Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Doug Ford

Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of The Honourable James Michael (Jim) Flaherty on April 10, 2014.

As a founding partner of Flaherty Dow Elliott, Mr. Flaherty practiced law for 20 years but had set his sights on politics, not only becoming Canada's Federal Minister of Finance from 2006 to 2014, but elected as the Minister Responsible for the Greater Toronto Area, Governor of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund and ex-officio member of all Cabinet Committees.

Having first been elected to the Provincial Parliament in 1995, Mr. Flaherty won the riding of Whitby-Ajax where he served until 2005. From 2001-2002 he served as the Provincial Minister of Finance for Ontario, while also serving as Deputy Premier, Attorney General and Minister of Labour.

In 2006, Mr. Flaherty won the federal riding of Whitby-Oshawa, keeping the seat until his retirement in March 2014. In that same year, he was selected to be Canada's Federal Minister of Finance by the Prime Minister. His dedication to balancing our country's budget was exceptional, and as a result of this commitment, he earned the title as world's best finance minister by Euromoney magazine in 2009.

Mr. Flaherty was the pillar of his community, dedicating much of his time to giving back to the Town of Whitby. In 2012, a long time personal project of his became a reality with the opening of the Abilities Centre, a place where individuals of all ages and abilities could participate in community events.

Mr. Flaherty will be greatly missed by his wife, children, colleagues, Canadians across the country and all those whose lives he touched.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to The Honourable Jim Flaherty's family.

May 6, 2014