

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Jim Biros on September 14, 2014.

As Executive Director of the Toronto Musicians' Association, Jim Biros was a champion for the arts and the well-being of artists and musicians in Toronto. Jim was committed to ensuring artists be recognized for their contribution to our society.

Jim was passionate about what he did and worked tirelessly on behalf of artists. He was a strong negotiator on behalf of artists performing at the Toronto Symphony, the National Ballet and Canadian Opera orchestras, Tafelmusik, Mirvish Productions, and the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts.

Jim's expertise was valued at the national level and beyond; he negotiated agreements with the CBC and for the American Federation of Musicians. He was also a valued adviser to the Theatre Association of London, England, and the Musicians' Association of Great Britain.

Jim supported and sat on the boards of numerous arts organizations over the years, such as The Theatre Museum of Canada, The Cultural Career Council of Ontario, and The Jazz Performance Education Centre. His work with PAL Canada – a charitable foundation for senior and disadvantaged members of the arts community – as well as the Musicians' Assistance Fund was particularly close to his heart.

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

February 10, 2015