

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by:** Councillor Mike Layton

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gord Perks

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Andrew Loku on July 5, 2015.

Andrew Loku was a father of 5 who moved to Canada in 2004 from South Sudan and lived in Toronto's west-end, Davenport.

Andrew was born in 1970 in South Sudan. His father was a chief in the village of Lire in the Kajo-Keji county. Loku is described as being a very active young man who was loved by the community as he was growing up.

In 1983 the civil war began in South Sudan and Andrew lived through all 16 years of it. During that time he did his best to work with and support the Red Cross. In 2000 Andrew escaped Sudan and spent the next few years in Uganda, with part of that time in a Ugandan refugee camp. By 2004 Canada accepted Andrew as a refugee.

Andrew became an active part of a South Sudanese Christian community in Toronto and was described by friends here in Toronto as a respectful and quiet person. In his home, neighbours described him as endlessly helpful, filling in for an absent superintendent for long periods of time.

In June 2015 he graduated from George Brown College. Andrew Loku was beginning to build his life here in Toronto.

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

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