

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Josh Colle

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Gordon Downie, widely known as Gord Downie, of the band "The Tragically Hip." The legendary band's frontman passed away on October 17, 2017 at the age of 53.

Gord is an iconic Canadian born singer-songwriter who gained worldwide recognition as lead singer of The Tragically Hip. Their music is associated with the great talent and true patriotism we have here in Canada, and they remain a prolific band that is commonly recognized as the most Canadian band in the world.

In his personal life, Gord Downie is known for his advocacy for environmentalism and indigenous affairs. Gord leaves behind a strong legacy and commitment to Canada's First Peoples by way of the Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund to support reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Gord was a long time Toronto resident, and was known for steadfast support for local Toronto music and musicians. In addition to regularly showing up to venues as a fan, he performed for Toronto audiences countless times.

Gord Downie was an inspiration to us all. His music is an essential part of the soundtrack of Canada. His diagnosis was heartbreaking but he faced illness with courage and a commitment to continue doing what he loved.

Gord Downie will be deeply missed by the entire nation.

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

November 8, 2017