



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Sarah Doucette

Seconded by: Councillor Gord Perks

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Stafford Hope.

A joyful greeting can start your day on a positive track. For generations of students at Runnymede Public School, that joy would come from famed crossing guard Stafford Hope. Every day Stafford came to work with a smile and a song which brought smiles to the faces of those he met. In a world where it is sometimes far too easy to notice only the negative things, Stafford chose to share his positive and friendly presence to everyone he greeted. Stafford made each child feel special and unique.

Stafford's ongoing commitment to the safety of Runnymede Public School's students, and to the neighbourhood at large, as well as his positive presence, have helped make Bloor West Village a better place to live. The community shared their love of Stafford when he was voted "Canada's Favourite Crossing Guard" in 2011.

Stafford retired in June of 2016 after 21 years as the crossing guard from Runnymede Public School.

In his final days, Stafford sent messages to the children of Runnymede Public School to tell them that he missed them. On behalf of the families of Runnymede, and the Ward 13 Community, Stafford, we miss you too.

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

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