



## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by: Mayor John Tory**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mark Grimes**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are heartbroken to see Johnny Bower pass away on December 26, 2017.

After joining the Leafs during the 1958-59 season, Johnny Bower became a pivotal piece of the Leafs Stanley Cup reign during the 1960s. Having captured the Stanley Cup four times in 1962, '63, '64 and '67 and the Vezina Trophy twice as the National Hockey League's (NHL) top goaltender in 1961 and '65, Johnny Bower proved to be unstoppable at the height of his career. He was the first goaltender in NHL history to dangerously counterattack an opposing player with the patented move – the poke-check.

Upon retirement, Johnny Bower continued to work for the Leafs as one of their greatest ambassadors. He was a legend and a gentleman hero who remained forever loyal to his team. He always cared about his community and was a tireless champion for charities.

Beyond his hockey career, Mr. Bower lived a good, long life with his wife Nancy and together they raised a family that includes children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The City of Toronto is extremely proud of Mr. Bower's lifetime of contributions to the Toronto Maple Leafs, to the game of hockey and to our community.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our condolences to Johnny Bower's family, teammates, friends and fans.

January 31, 2018