

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of A. Tom Gribilas, 78, on June 5, 2018.

Tom was a pillar of the Scarborough soccer community. In 1983, he co-founded the Olympic Flame Soccer Club and was Club president, and the Club's heart and soul, for the past 33 years. Under Tom's guidance, the Club won many league titles and tournaments, including provincial and Canadian championships.

Tom was also involved in the creation of the Central Soccer League and a long-time Director of the Scarborough Soccer Association.

For 40 years, Tom tirelessly, and with little fanfare, volunteered countless time to the youth of Scarborough and East York and the sport of soccer. For his selfless volunteer work, he was awarded the City of Scarborough Parks and Culture Award in 1993, a Government of Canada Volunteer Award, the City of Toronto Award of Merit in 2001, and the Ontario Soccer Association Centre Circle Award for Meritorious Service in 2013.

Tom touched the lives of many children who grew up playing soccer, including his own children and grandchildren. His dedication to his sport and to the youth who play it was unrivalled, and his loss will be felt throughout the soccer community for many years to come.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our deepest gratitude for A. Tom Gribilas' contributions to our City, and our sincere sympathy to his three children and 11 grandchildren.

June 28, 2018