



## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by: Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong**

**Seconded by: Councillor James Paternak**

Toronto City Council is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Milton Berger on May 19, 2019 in his 94th year.

Milton was born 1925 in Czechoslovakia. In 1944 the Nazis sent him to Auschwitz, where he lost several relatives, then to a labour camp. He emerged at the age of 20, weighing 90 pounds, when the Allies liberated Europe in 1945.

After the war Milton moved to Germany, where he met his wife Anna. In 1947 they immigrated to Canada and had two daughters, Marilyn and Cindy. In Canada, he opened a variety store at College and Shaw, then moved it to Avenue Road near his home on Dunblaine Avenue. During this time he worked on his real estate broker's licence, and sold investment properties. Over the years Milton and Anna became parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

Milton joined North York Council in 1977 and served until 1994, including 10 years of service on Metropolitan Toronto Council. He returned to municipal politics for the first term of the newly amalgamated City Council, from 1997 - 2000. As a politician, affectionately known as "Uncle Miltie," he was known to speak from the heart and not necessarily say the politically correct thing. Other Members of Council would go to him for advice. He was a big supporter of staff, who respected him and knew they could count on him for help on tough issues.

After he retired from Council, Milton was appointed to several boards. Family and grandchildren, gardening, and his farm were Milton's focus in late retirement. He kept fruit trees in the backyard, where he picked raspberries with his grandchildren. He took up golf in his nineties.

Milton is remembered with fondness and respect by his former colleagues. The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Milton Berger's family.

June 18, 2019