

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by: Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Layton**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Deane Cameron on May 16, 2019.

Deane Cameron was a legendary figure in the Canadian music industry, known to many as “Captain Canada” for his passionate support and elevation of Canadian artists. A musician whose first industry job was in the warehouse at EMI Music Canada, Deane eventually rose through the record company ranks to become the organization’s youngest-ever President and Chief Executive Officer. He served in this role between 1988-2012, signing and guiding the careers of homegrown international stars such as Tom Cochrane, Susan Aglukark, Glass Tiger, the Tea Party, the Rankin Family, and I Mother Earth.

In 2010, Deane Cameron was made a Member of the Order of Canada to honour his tremendous influence on music in Canada – but his contributions to the music community were far from complete. Named as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thompson Hall in 2015, Deane embraced the role of City builder here in Toronto, bringing his unmatched energy, connections, and love of music to spearhead the campaign leading to the present renovations of Massey Hall.

Deane’s achievements in the music industry were always balanced by his outstanding personal warmth, grace, and humour. In the days since his untimely passing, countless musicians and peers have borne witness to his ability to make all feel equally welcome and valued, or to defuse a difficult situation with a well-timed joke. Deane Cameron was truly an icon, an internationally celebrated industry leader, a brilliant business strategist, and at the same time a lifelong fan of music and musicians whose love for a great song never waned.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere condolences to the family of Deane Cameron, as well as to the friends, colleagues, and musicians he helped and inspired along the way.

June 18, 2019