



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Joe Cressy

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened at the passing of Leon (Pops) Alward on May 25, 2019.

Born on May 9, 1971, in rural New Brunswick, Leon turned his own struggles into a platform, speaking with media and politicians to draw attention to a deadly opioid crisis gripping Toronto.

Leon was a key member of Toronto's harm reduction community. A founding member of the Toronto Overdose Prevention Society, Leon was a critical part of the group that brought the Moss Park Overdose Prevention Site that provided life-saving health care to hundreds of Toronto residents at a time of rapid growth of the overdose crisis in the City. Leon was a friend and fellow volunteer who was always on the ground listening and helping countless members of his community.

Leon (Pops) Alward was a father to two children, Darrius, 15, and Dylan 21. He was 48.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Leon (Pops) Alward's children, friends and colleagues.

June 19, 2019