CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Grimes
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Pantalone

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Legendary Blues Guitarist Jeff Healey on March 2, 2008.

Born in Toronto and raised in the City’s west end, Jeff Healey was a self-taught child prodigy of the guitar by age 4. Blinded by the age of 1 from a rare form of cancer, Jeff Healey overcame his disability and lived as an example that anything is possible.

He soon became an internationally recognized music star playing with music greats Stevie Ray Vaughan, George Harrison, Eric Clapton and B. B. King and was known for his unique form of playing the guitar laid across his lap.

His musical talents were expressed primarily through the blues-rock music he created, but his passion was jazz. He could be heard on his CBC radio program My Kinda Jazz, or in concert with Jeff Healey’s Jazz Wizards, personifying the art form he loved so dearly.

Jeff Healey’s debut album See the Light, received a Grammy nomination and a Juno award and sold over 1 million copies.

The true talent of Jeff Healey and his musical genius will continue to live on through those he touched and his greatness will always be remembered.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to his wife, Christie, daughter, Rachel, and son Derek, his father and stepmother, Bud and Rose, and his sisters, Laura and Linda.

March 4, 2008