CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Grimes

Seconded by: Councillor Saundercook

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Leif Pettersen on July 31, 2008.

Leif Pettersen was a great Canadian Football player who later made a career as a television football analyst. He started his career as a second-round draft choice by the Saskatchewan Roughriders in 1974, and played eight seasons with the Saskatchewan Roughriders and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Leif made Grey Cup appearances with both teams and made the All-Star team in 1979, when he led the East in pass receptions. He made two Grey Cup appearances for each team.

As a broadcaster, he was respected by his peers and known for his outspoken but honest commentaries.

Leif Pettersen was appointed Governor to the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. Leif had a great understanding of the need for preservation of Canadian sports history. He acted as an unofficial ambassador for the sport of football in Canada, with his love for the game and his respect for the players.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Leif Pettersen’s wife Lee and their two daughters Kate and Ali.

September 24, 2008
Mrs. Lee Pettersen
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