

## **CONDOLENCE MOTION**

**Moved by: Councillor Davis**

**Seconded by: Councillor Parker**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mihir Kumar Ghosh on February 20, 2010.

Mihir Ghosh was well known across East York as president of the East York Race Relations and Multicultural Institute, through which he organized the annual East York Day festivals and Canada Day Citizenship Court.

Mihir Ghosh was born in Kolkata, India on October 17, 1938 to Bangshi Badan and Pratima Ghosh. In 1967 he married his wife Jharna. Together they moved from Kolkata, India to East York, Ontario in 1968.

Shortly after moving to Canada, Mihir Ghosh became a member of the Mayor's Race Relation Committee of East York, the Leaside Lions Club, and the South Asian Heart and Health Group. In time, he became the chair or president of all three organizations.

His selfless commitment to community and social justice was well known, as was his commitment to East York. In the 1990's, Mihir Ghosh personally raised \$30,000 for renovations at the East York Community Centre. His work ethic, dedication and generosity inspired many and earned him the great respect and admiration.

After retirement Mihir Ghosh directed his boundless energy and optimism toward helping new Canadians settle into their new home country.

His sudden passing was a shock to all who knew him. Mihir Ghosh passed away while vacationing with his wife Jharna in his home town of Kolkata, India. He will also be missed by their two children, Anita and David.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Mihir Kumar Ghosh's family and friends.

March 31, 2010