

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Vaughan

Seconded by: Councillor Rae

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Will Munro on May 21, 2010.

Despite his youth, Will Munro was a fixture on the Toronto art scene for 15 years. By the time of his death, at the age of 35, Will had staged hundreds of social and art events across the City, participated in exhibitions ranging from short film screenings to major installations, and displayed his works in both small galleries and in large institutions.

Will also worked as a performer for a diverse range of other artists, and made an enormous amount of art in a variety of media -- work that has been both profoundly influential to a young generation of Toronto artists and remains, like Will himself, always life-affirming.

Will's roots in the queer community allowed him to move between many groups, and his events sought first and foremost to unite the city's diverse population. When you attended one of Will Munro's performance parties or art openings, you knew you were welcome, no matter your background, preferences, or status. Will firmly believed that art was for everybody, and he maintained a vigorous engagement with the city's growing independent and do-it-yourself arts scene. His influence reverberates throughout the Toronto art world, at all levels.

Above all, Will Munro will be missed for his limitless energy and his uncanny ability to bring together a wide, and wonderfully strange, collection of people. Toronto has lost an original and powerful voice.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Will Munro's family.

June 9, 2010.