

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor David Miller

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Jerry Belan on Saturday July 24, 2010.

Jerry was a long time member of the Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff team, dating back to his early employment with the former City of Toronto, which began in 1988. Jerry was a professional Landscape Architect, a Parks Planner and a Program Development Officer.

His contributions to the city have had a significant impact on the quality of life for many residents. Jerry was the inspiration and the project lead for the City's *Discovery Walks* program, which is an internationally acclaimed series of self-guided interpretive walks. Through the Discovery Walks program and other park initiatives led by Jerry, including the award-winning *Exploring Toronto's Parks and Trails Map*, Jerry's vision was to encourage citizens and visitors to explore our city through its wonderful system of parks, trails and natural areas.

Jerry shared his passion and love for hiking and our parks system at every opportunity. In the fall of 2005, he was invited as a keynote speaker to the Healthiest Cities Conference in Taipei, Taiwan. In 2008, he was a presenter at the Walk21 conference, in Barcelona, Spain and again in 2009 in New York City.

Jerry will be greatly missed by all, and his contributions to the city will be long remembered.

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

August 25, 2010