

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: **Councillor Mark Grimes**

Seconded by: **Councillor Peter Milczyn**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the recent passing of Mark Selkirk on November 24, 2010

An Etobicoke entrepreneur and inventor, Mark Selkirk is best known for creating the herd of 326 colourfully painted moose unleashed all over Toronto in 2000.

Mark Selkirk created tulips for both the Ottawa Tulip Festival, and Mimico Tulip Festivals. He also created a desktop moose model and bestowed it upon Pope John Paul II when he visited Toronto in 2003.

A dedicated and sincere individual he has always donated his time and energy to community causes. An active member and President of the Rotary Club of Etobicoke, he co-chaired the Ribfest in Etobicoke for the past three years. Mr. Selkirk spread some of that magic to hospitals, donating two of his moose to the Hospital for Sick Children for auction. He led his staff in the purchase of another moose for William Osler Health Centre's Etobicoke hospital. While on-air at a Toronto radio station, the ever-enthusiastic Mr. Selkirk challenged Toronto businesses to match his donation to buy another moose painted by Canadian recording artist Jan Arden for the radio station.

In 2001, he received the Etobicoke Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneur and Leadership Award.

Mark Selkirk took on many causes. A supporter of the arts, Mark Selkirk was the first chair of the Brass in the Grass festival in the Lakeshore. He also actively participated in the restoration of the historic Mimico Train Station.

From dressing up as a clown in the local Santa Claus Parade to teaching Mimico Correctional Centre inmates to build canoes, Mark Selkirk was willing to turn his hand to any task to help the community.

Mark Selkirk will be missed by his family, friends and community.

Mark Selkirk is survived by his wife Debra and his children David, Michael, Alex, Maui, Beto and Andy and their families.

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

December 8, 2010