

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor Rob Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Adam Vaughan

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mark Dailey on December 6, 2010.

Known among his peers and people across Toronto as "The Voice" of Citytv, Mr. Dailey was one of the city's most beloved media icons. A police officer turned journalist from Ohio, Mr. Dailey moved to Toronto and joined CHUM in 1974. Five years later he joined CityPulse as an assignment editor and producer.

Mr. Dailey found his niche in crime reporting and for more than 10 years he walked the streets of Toronto on the crime beat. His success in this role was unparalleled, leading him to become one of the most recognizable, trusted and respected reporters in the city. He went on to anchor CityPulse and CityNews and in 2009, he celebrated his 30th anniversary with Citytv.

In addition to his passion for breaking news, Mr. Dailey was heavily involved with events and charities across Toronto. For several years he was the host and master of ceremonies for the City of Toronto's CityWatch Annual Awards Night – an event aimed at promoting and recognizing community safety. He was also a tireless supporter of several local charities including Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Salvation Army and the Hospital for Sick Children.

After being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2004, he began a campaign to raise awareness about prostate cancer and the need for early testing. It was a fine example of how he turned a personal challenge into a public endeavour and a community benefit.

Mr. Dailey will always be remembered for his commitment to delivering breaking news, his love for Toronto and his unforgettable sense of humour. He was a true inspiration and a local media legend whose contributions to our city will not be forgotten.

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

December 8, 2010