

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor Rob Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Doug Ford

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Sgt. Ryan Russell on January 12, 2011.

An 11-year veteran of the Toronto Police Services, Sgt. Russell was known among his peers as a dedicated police officer and devoted family man.

In 2006, Sgt. Russell was transferred to the Gun and Gang Task Force and quickly became a key member of the team, establishing himself as a court-recognized expert on criminal street gangs. He also worked with youth and connected with members of the community in an effort to improve their relationship with the police. In August 2010, he was promoted to sergeant at 52 Division.

Sgt. Russell was known throughout the TPS for his friendly demeanour and infectious smile. He was someone that new police officers could look up to, and someone that even the most seasoned officer could learn from.

In addition to his passion for being a police officer, Sgt. Russell was a hockey fan and played goalie for the Gun and Gang Task Force team. He was also an avid handyman and loved working on renovation projects in the home he shared with his wife and young son.

Sgt. Russell will always be remembered for his commitment to public safety, his love for his family and his warm personality. He was a true inspiration to those privileged to know him, and a hero to the people of this city whom he lived to serve and protect.

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

February 7, 2011