

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Mike Layton

Seconded by: Councillor Karen Stintz

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Menale Dinesa on Saturday, January 29, 2011.

On Saturday, January 29, 2011, Menale Dinesa was heading home from work when he was struck by a bus on Bloor Street outside of Ossington Station. Hours later, Menale succumbed to his injuries at hospital. Menale was 62 years old.

Born in June 1948 in Ethiopia, Menale served as an officer in the Ethiopian Navy before moving to Canada 20 years ago. Menale is the oldest brother with two siblings, both of whom still live in Ethiopia.

Once Menale arrived in Canada, he worked as a handyman and served his community as part of the Ethiopian Canadian Committee. He would always do his best to assist newly arrived Ethiopian families who could not afford his services, without asking for anything in return. Friends of Menale describe him as one of the most selfless people they have ever met.

When Menale passed away, he held in his hands a toolbox carrying the same tools that he had with him when he arrived in Canada over 20 years ago.

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

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