CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Dudley Laws on March 24, 2011.

Born in Jamaica, Mr. Laws came to Canada from England in 1965 and became involved with various organizations, churches and clubs for people of island and African descent. Shortly after, he began working with outreach programs focused on helping prison inmates, marginalized workers and troubled youth. In 1988, Mr. Laws co-founded the Black Action Defence Committee.

Mr. Laws was a devoted social activist who campaigned fearlessly for human rights and reform of the criminal justice system, immigration, public housing and policing policies. His persistence and undeniable passion over five decades brought about important changes in Toronto - ensuring fair and equal treatment for all residents.

Mr. Laws was a leader and inspiration to not only the African-Canadian community for which he served, but to everyone whose lives he touched. His dedication, strength and sheer determination will not soon be forgotten.

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

April 12, 2011