CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Janet Davis
Seconded by: Councillor Mary Fragedakis

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Robert (Bob) Dale, on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at the age of 76 years.

Bob was a long time resident of East York. He served as an East York Councillor for three terms, nearly 14 years, prior to amalgamation. He represented Ward 3 and served as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee for several years.

An involved and connected citizen, Bob was co-founder of East York Soccer, long time member of the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Board, active parishioner of Holy Cross Catholic Church, fundraiser for the Jesuits of Canada, co-chair of the 54 Division Community Police Liaison Committee, supporter of the East York Canada Day Committee, and a member of the Crescent Town Board of Directors.

Bob was a man who stood up for what was right and always fought for those with fewer advantages. At East York Soccer he ensured that a Girls league was created. A defender of religious freedom, many will remember his fight for the first mosque in East York. As chair of the Crescent Town Disabilities Committee, Bob worked to make the facility accessible.

Everywhere he went he quickly made friends and many of these friendships he kept for decades. Bob was quick with a laugh and smile. He loved to tell a story and could happily reminisce for hours. Friends counted on him for an update on all the projects and people in his life. He will be remembered for his love of life, his loyalty, his sense of community, his desire to do right, his upbeat personality and his commitment to justice.

Bob was also a devoted father who will be missed by his children Robert, Barry, Stephen and Jennifer.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Bob Dale's family and friends.

June 15, 2011