

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

Seconded by: Councillor Pam McConnell

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Joseph Lipson on Thursday, January 19, 2012.

Joseph Lipson opened up his Second Cup café at the corner of Church and Wellesley in April 1984, and is recognized for laying down the geographic foundation of today's gay community in Toronto. Over the years, "The Steps" in front of the café became a key meeting spot and an international icon of gay Toronto.

Outside of his businesses, Lipson was also a community artist and organizer, and appeared in many theatre productions. He also published a chapbook of children's poems in 2004, called *On Mallard Feet*, and wrote a song for a children's chorus that has never been performed.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Joseph Lipson's family and his partner, John Gray.

February 6, 2012