

## **CONDOLENCE MOTION**

**Moved by: Councillor Sarah Doucette**

**Seconded by: Councillor Cesar Palacio**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Tom Samson.

On Friday, November 23, 2012, with deep regret and sadness, the Principal of Swansea Public School announced to parents and students the sudden death of Mr. Samson, a Swansea Public School teacher, who passed away earlier that day in a bike accident. He would cycle to school every day, weather permitting, often accompanied by other teachers.

As a member of the Swansea Public School Parent-Teacher Council for over a decade, I can state from personal experience that Tom Samson was a caring and valued member of the Swansea team for 8 years. During his time at Swansea, he taught Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes. He was also an avid chess coach and player. Many of his students will remember being soundly bested by him. Once, he played 50 students one move at a time until he was victorious over every last one. He also coached the boys' basketball team and led the Swansea Sharks to many victories. He will be remembered as a dedicated staff member who, over the years, made strong and lasting connections with so many. Tom Samson will be missed greatly by the entire school community, past and present.

Tom Samson he leaves behind his wife and two young children. The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council, our deepest condolences to Tom's grieving family and friends.

November 27, 2012