

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor John Filion

Seconded by: Councillor Norm Kelly

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of David C. Lin on March 3, 2013, at the age of 44.

Born in Taiwan, David came to Canada at the age of 3. A student at Harbord Collegiate Institute, he went on to obtain his bachelor's degree in Actuarial Science from the University of Toronto, later working as a pension consultant. In 1997, David married Lindsay after kneeling down to propose to her in front of hundreds of people at the Taiwanese-Canadian Association conference in Peterborough.

For over 20 years, David was an enthusiastic giver, active in Taiwanese communities and beyond. He volunteered around 600 to 700 hours each year. During these years, David acted as a Director of many Taiwanese organizations, in particular, the Taiwanese-Canadian Association of Toronto for more than 20 years and a two year term as the (National) Taiwanese-Canadian Association president. His passion to share the gifts of Taiwanese culture with others touched many people.

David's charisma, energy and wit made him a popular choice as M.C. for numerous cultural, gala and fundraising events in Toronto and across the country. His competitive spirit won him a plethora of essay, design, speaking, singing, talent, sport and eve eating challenges. He sang 7 songs in 7 languages to win a spot to carry the Olympic Torch for the 2004 Athens Summer Games. He and his wife Lindsay both won spots to carry the Vancouver Olympic Torch in 2010.

In 2010, Canadian Immigrant Magazine named David was one of the Top 25 Canadian Immigrants. In 2011, he carried the Medal for the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary 'Man in Motion' Relay across Canada. His sense of community giving was shared by his wife and children. Prostate Cancer Canada called his family 2011 Volunteer of the Year.

In 2013, David won the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

David and Lindsay have three children, David Jr., Michael and Samantha. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends and the community.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of David Lin.

March 21, 2013