

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Mayor Rob Ford

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Melvin John Peck on January 12, 2013 at the age of 82.

Mel was born in Toronto on December 19, 1930, and remained a resident of the City for the rest of his life. He bought his Scarborough Centre home in 1959 and resided there for the next 54 years.

Trained as a draftsman, he took a job at Canada Wire and Cable in 1948 where he designed a patented cable gripper that protected workers from injury. Subsequent drafting jobs took him to AVRO, where he worked on aileron designs for the fabled AVRO Arrow, and road builder Barber Green.

However, Mel's true calling was sales not drafting, and when he was offered a regional sales manager position with 7-Up, he took it. When 7-Up was sold, he joined industrial timekeeping company Stromberg Clock.

In 1970, Mel established his own business selling and installing timekeeping systems for numerous clients including companies as large as IBM. Mel sold his company in 2000, and retired to a life of travel, golf, curling and most of all, enjoying his growing family of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A truly gentle man, Mel never imposed his ideas on others but was always ready to listen. He was happiest when he could watch his family enjoying themselves.

Mel is survived by his wife Marcia, brother Albert and sister Carol, and his three children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His family and friends will sorely miss his kindness, generosity and wise counsel.

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

April 3, 2013