CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor Rob Ford

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Charles King on April 29, 2013.

Charles King was born in September 1965 in Sudbury, Ontario where he grew up and attended school before moving to Ottawa in 1985 to study at Carleton University. He first became involved in politics in the late 1980s as a summer volunteer and then staff member of Sudbury MP Doug Frith.

Mr. King went on to work at the Liberal party headquarters in Ottawa for six years, serving in various positions including executive assistant to then president Donald Johnston. After the 1993 election, he joined the office of Human Resources Development Minister Lloyd Axworthy where he spent two years before leaving politics to focus the remainder of his career on broadcasting and telecommunications – first as the Director of Government Relations for the Canadian Cable Television Association and then as a partner with Earnscliffe Strategy Group. After more than a decade with Earnscliffe, Mr. King joined Shaw Communications in 2009 as the vice-president of government relations.

Mr. King was actively involved within the Ottawa community. Among his many activities, he was a founding organizer of the Hill Charity Golf Classic, an annual tournament in support of local charities that help youth and young adults in Ottawa.

Mr. King was a loving husband to his wife, Kelly, whom he met during the 1993 election campaign. They spent the past 20 years at each other's side, always surrounded by friends at their home in Ottawa and their cottage in Quebec. He was also a son, brother, uncle and godfather who was known for his generosity, honesty and unconditional friendship.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Mr. Charles King’s family.

May 8, 2013