

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor Pam McConnell

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Henry Morgentaler on May 29, 2013.

Dr. Henry Morgentaler was a pioneer of reproductive freedom in Canada, and his courage and determination helped ensure every Canadian woman has the right to choose. Beginning with his own practice and expanding across the Country, Dr. Morgentaler challenged unjust laws that jeopardized women's health and wellbeing, often at great personal risk.

A holocaust survivor, Dr. Morgentaler overcame great adversity and his efforts led to the landmark Supreme Court decision in 1988 that guaranteed future generations of Canadian women access to reproductive choice, and has allowed them to shape their own futures, enter the work force in greater numbers, and have autonomy over their own bodies and lives. This legacy was recognized in 2008 when Dr. Morgentaler was awarded the Order of Canada.

The outpouring of thanks and words of admiration from across Canada in the days since Dr. Morgentaler's passing have demonstrated that though he is no longer with us, Dr. Morgentaler will continue to inspire Canadians and represent the power that each of us has to create a more just, equitable, and compassionate Canada.

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

June 11, 2013