

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by: Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mary Fragedakis**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the tragic death of Dominic Parker, 45 years old, on Wednesday, September 16, 2013.

A fiercely proud Beacher, Dominic, or 'Dom' lived in the area and attended Malvern Collegiate as a teenager before moving abroad for a number of years. As an adult he moved back with his family to the Beach as he wanted to raise his daughters in the neighbourhood he loved so much.

Everyone who knew Dominic speaks of his infectious smile, his warm personality, his zest for life. He loved the outdoors and was passionate about fishing, hunting and boating in his 'Zodiac'. His short life was filled with adventure: he was a 48<sup>th</sup> Highlander, a film industry set designer, and a bike courier. At the age of 40, he fulfilled a life-long dream and became a fire fighter with the Markham Fire Department.

Despite being a part of these many different worlds, Dominic kept his life in perspective: the most important thing to him was his family. He married his high-school sweetheart Zilla, and together they brought up two lovely young women, Ryla and Brenna. In a recent email to his daughter shortly before he died, he wrote, 'You guys have been the best part of my life hands down.'

Dom was truly 'living the dream' as he so often remarked.

The hundreds of people who crowded into the Balmy Beach Club for a celebration of his life is testament to the friendship and positive energy Dom extended to everyone he met.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Dominic Parker's wife Zilla, daughters Ryla and Brenna, mother Anella, brothers Simon and Adrian and his many, many friends.

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