

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 retired Toronto Police Constable Rick Henderson on September 19, 2013.

Born on April 13, 1950, Rick grew up in Scarborough and joined the Toronto Police Service at age 19. As a community resource officer, Rick dedicated his life to helping people, assisting community organizations, establishing community programs and supporting fundraising drives.

He was a driving force behind programs such as “Cop Care”, “Close to Home” (in partnership with MADD and Rainbow Addiction Centre) and “Safety Village” (with Variety Village). He ran the Ontario chapter of the Hugh O’Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) which helped thousands of young people learn leadership and citizenship skills at annual youth leadership retreats, and worked closely with the CNIB and with Seaton House, which provides essential assistance to homeless men.

After retiring from the Police Service in 2000, Rick created Charity Golf Ontario to help not-for-profit organizations raise money for their charity efforts. Over the years, Rick went above and beyond what was expected, donating countless hours of his free time for the betterment of the community.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy and deepest respects to Rick Henderson’s family and his many friends.

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