



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of prominent Guyanese-Canadian businessman and community leader Norman Sue-Kam-Ling on October 7, 2013. Mr. Sue's passing is a great loss to Toronto's Guyanese and broader West Indian communities.

Mr. Sue was born in 1947 in Georgetown, Guyana. Ambitious and diligent even as a teenage Boy Scout, he became a Queen's Scout, receiving that prestigious award from then Governor Sir Richard Luyt in 1964.

Emigrating to Canada in 1969, he began baking Guyanese pastries in his Scarborough home in the early 1970s. A pioneer in the ethnic bread and pastry business, Mr. Sue brought the tastes of Guyana and the Caribbean to Toronto. Visitors from across Canada regularly stopped at his increasingly popular and successful family bakery to stock up on his authentic baked goods to take home.

A man of great compassion, Mr. Sue often hired people other businesses wouldn't hire. He frequently picked them up on his way to work, dropped them off at home after their shifts were over, and every Friday, cooked lunch for the entire staff. He was always ready to listen and share his experiences with others. He also was an enthusiastic and generous donor to community organizations, and a loyal supporter of the local Lions Club and Scarborough cricket leagues.

Norman Sue was a businessman who treated his employees like family, supported his local community and made deals with a handshake. His many friends and family remember him as a kind and generous man who became an honoured household name in Toronto's Guyanese community. Deeply loved and respected by the Guyanese community both in Canada and in Guyana, countless friends, business associates and leaders consider it a privilege to have known him.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy and deepest respects to Norman Sue-Kam-Ling's family and his many friends in Canada and the Caribbean.

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