

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: **Councillor Fletcher**

Seconded by: **Councillor McConnell**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Nikolaos (Nick) Mirkopoulos on December 7, 2013.

Nick came to Canada from Greece in 1968 seeking adventure and opportunity and soon became a very successful institutional contractor, developing and upgrading many landmark buildings in the Toronto area and elsewhere. Nick's love of heritage structures is well known, but most prevalent was his masterful expertise at the adaptive reuse of existing structures as film studios.

In 1988, he spearheaded the development of the first large-scale film production studio facility in Canada, under the banner of Cinespace. Nick developed three further studio complexes in Toronto including Marine Terminal 28, which hosted the only film ever shot in Canada to win a Best Picture Oscar, "Chicago".

Nick's legendary generosity and philanthropy touched thousands across the nations that he travelled. He spent personal time and resources engaging and supporting the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music, York University's Faculty of Fine Arts, Toronto's Hellenic Community, Toronto's East General Hospital, DePaul University's School of Cinema, Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago's Mount Sinai Medical Center, Chicago's Saving Our Sons Ministries, the Yitzhak Rabin Center in Tel Aviv, and the Ark of the World children's charity of Greece, among many others.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the Mirkopoulos family.

December 16, 2013.