CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by:  Councillor Paula Fletcher
Seconded by:  Councillor Mike Layton

The Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Carl William Stryg on Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Carl Stryg excelled at everything he turned his hand to and was admired by so many friends and colleagues. He was a man of many talents who left an early career as a dancer with Opera Atelier, to pursue singing. He travelled the world as an acclaimed counter tenor and is remembered for many classical roles, but also for a tour de force comic opera performance as Janet Gretzky in Brad Walton's underground hit, The Loves of Wayne Gretzky.

Carl was a pioneer in Leslieville, who restored a seriously derelict building built by the McCarten Family to re-purpose it as the very popular "Hello Toast" restaurant. As founder of Coach House Bakery he won many accolades and became known as the "shortbread King of Canada".

Carl's many passions were only surpassed by his generosity and goodwill. He will be sadly missed by his friends and family but his famous smile and sense of humour which brought light into every room and heart will be forever and fondly remembered.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Carl's husband Will Coukell and the Stryg Family.

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