

CONDOLENCE MOTION

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

Seconded by: **Councillor Josh Colle**

The Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Jeff Plewman, 66 years old, over the weekend of May 10, 2014.

Jeff Plewman, also known by his stage name Nash the Slash, was a Toronto based experimental musician whose primary instruments were the electric violin and mandolin. He established his career as both the co-founder of the progressive rock band FM and as a solo artist. Notable highlights include a gold certification for FM's commercially successful *Black Noise* album and international recognition after his solo performance tours with the likes of Iggy Pop, Gary Numan and The Who.

Those who witnessed his multimedia performances will remember his iconic stage attire as dressed in a tuxedo, top hat and dark shades, and face covered with surgical bandages. Revered for never forfeiting his eccentric artistry, he once sued and won a court case against Coca Cola for misappropriation of personality.

In addition to his innovative experimentation with musical instruments, his artistic interests led him to collaborate with various sorts of artists, including surrealist painter Robert Vanderhost and film director Bruce McDonald.

Jeff Plewman will be remembered as a pioneer for his contributions to the music industry and more broadly, the arts.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Jeff Plewman's family and friends.

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