CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

Seconded by: Councillor Pam McConnell

The Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ian Dick "Dick" Wookey on July 14, 2014.

Known to many as the Squire of Yorkville, Dick died peacefully at home with his loving wife of 34 years, Suzan, by his side. Dick is predeceased by his mother, Ruby Whittall, daughter, Diane Wookey, and grandson Jonny Wookey. He is survived by his children, who meant the world to him: Ian (Lynda) and Peter; Simon (Rebecca); and Oliver and Julian. He is also a proud grandfather of Tessa, Adam, Jasmin, Tabbatha, Nicholas, Katie and Emma and is adored by his sister, Daphne Aliberti, and children Giancarlo, Ricky and Isabella.

A true visionary, Dick is best known for developing Yorkville, which in the 1950s, was a small village with a rich artistic history. This was an urban quality that was both respected and celebrated by Dick. Throughout his life and career, he worked to preserve Yorkville's traditional charm. A man of remarkable energy, spirit and daring, Dick relished the bounty of life. Of course, despite his many successful pursuits, family was the centre of Dick's life.

Dick never retired, in any sense. For thirty-five years he sailed the Mediterranean on his beloved yacht, and one of his best recent adventures was to return to the family seaside home in Turkey with all five sons, for a last sail around the azure bays of his birthplace.

Those who have worked with Dick have described him as a visionary.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Ian Richard "Dick" Wookey.

August 25, 2014