

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Mike Layton

Seconded by: Councillor Josh Colle

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Frank Schwartz on December 22, 2014 at the age of 86.

Frank left school before graduation to help his father Nick build a chain of community butcher stores, called Pure Food Meat Markets. In 1960, with the chain stores encroaching on the small butcher, they purchased the civic abattoir on Tecumseth Street. Together, with his father, Uncle Mac and brother Irwin, with the support of many loyal and dedicated management and staff, and ultimately his son David, they built Toronto Abattoirs and Quality Meat Packers into the largest pork processor in Ontario.

Undeterred by a devastating fire in 1976, Frank Schwartz overcame huge obstacles to eventually rebuild and expand the business internationally to become a national and international Industry leader. Quality Meat Packers and Toronto Abattoirs at its peak sold to over 25 countries and employed over 800 people.

Frank Schwartz was a tremendous leader, businessman, and family man. He led by example and was extremely generous in his support of many charities and causes.

He will be missed by his wife Lyla of almost 64 years, his four sons and their spouses. His ultimate joys and legacy will never be forgotten by his 21 grandchildren and their spouses, and by his 22 great grandchildren.

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

February 10, 2015