

Condolence Motion

Moved by: Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Barry Lyon on February 28, 2015. Barry was cherished by friends, family and colleagues not only for his expertise in development, but for his passion for life and the time he spent giving back to the City.

Born in Vancouver in 1936, Barry completed his Bachelor of Arts at University of British Columbia. After graduation, Lyon got his start in the real estate industry when he moved to New York City to work in property management. Barry then moved to Toronto where he would leave his mark on major projects and initiatives including assembling land for Meadowvale, the Royal Commission on the Future of Toronto's Waterfront, the Mayor's Task force on Woodbine Race Track and consultations on affordable housing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. More recently he assisted on studies for the revitalization of Regent Park and helped guide the development of the Pan Am Athlete's Village.

Barry was president and senior partner of N. Barry Lyon Consultants, a company he founded in 1976 specializing in market research, financial analysis and development management. Outside of work, Barry also gave back to the community. Starting in the 1980s, Barry was a guest lecturer at Ryerson University's School of Urban and Regional Planning. In 2004, Lyon was inducted into the Building, Industry and Land Development Association Hall of Fame.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the dear family, friends, colleagues and students of Barry Lyon.

March 11, 2015