

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Janet Davis

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Neil David Young on March 7, 2015.

Neil Young moved to Toronto from Scotland in 1957. Starting as a Tool and Die Maker, he began his political career organizing his local workplace within the United Electrical Workers. He became a Shop Steward and later a Business Agent within UE.

After running unsuccessfully for Toronto City Council in 1976 he was elected to Parliament representing the New Democratic Party for the Beaches and Beaches-Woodbine riding from 1980 to 1993. Throughout his tenure as a Member of Parliament he held several critic roles including Persons with Disabilities, Seniors, Health and Housing.

Throughout his retirement Neil worked as a consultant on issues impacting persons with disabilities. Neil greatly enjoyed travel and golfed regularly. He spent many hours in his woodshop with his grandsons, tending his garden and refining his cooking.

Neil was a man who stood up for the rights of working people, the marginalized and poor throughout his life. He had a strong voice, fighting spirit and generous soul. Neil will also be remembered as a warm and approachable person, who supported and encouraged others in their pursuits. He will be missed deeply by his family, many friends and colleagues.

Neil is survived by his wife Vivien and their children; Neil, Leslie (Steve), Moira, Fraser (Cecilia), and his five grandchildren; Daniel, Marshall, Drew, Lucas, and Elyse, his brothers and sisters Grace (Keith), Ron, Dorothy, Allan (Mary), and his many nieces, nephews, and his extended family in Scotland, Canada and the United States.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Neil David Young's family.

March 11, 2015