

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: **Councillor Paula Fletcher**

Seconded by: **Councillor Sarah Doucette**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of John W. Eleen on February 27, 2015.

John immigrated to Canada in 1929 at the age of seven and led a long and fulfilling life. He joined the RCAF in 1941 and became an accomplished flight mechanic. After a varied career that included union organizer for the UE and senior research assistant in cancer research, he was recruited as research director for the Ontario Federation of Labour, a position he held for 23 years until retirement.

John was a prolific reader and writer whose archives include two books "Poverty Amidst Plenty" and "Plant Shutdown", many learned briefs to government and op-ed articles in the Toronto Star and the Globe. John was a fierce advocate for, and defender of, workers' rights, a passion that lasted a lifetime.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to his beloved wife Anne Thomson and the Eleen family.

March 31, 2015