

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Michael Burgess on September 28, 2015 at the age of 70.

A talented and dedicated performer, Michael Burgess played the role of Jean Valjean in more than 1,000 performances of Les Miserables at The Royal Alexandra Theatre and on tour across Canada. In addition to his work on Les Miserables, Michael also appeared in television productions of H.M.S. Pinafore, You Must Remember This and The Sandy Brown Orchestra, as well as in various television series, Street Legal, Border Town and E.N.G.

Michael Burgess was also the first person to sing "O Canada" at a World Series baseball game, in Atlanta in 1992 and frequently sang the national anthem for the Toronto Maple Leafs home games.

Michael Burgess passed peacefully on Monday evening in Toronto, surrounded by family.

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

September 30, 2015