

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Janet Davis

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Cressy

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Tony McDonnell on Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

Tony played a pivotal role in the creation of Ireland Park, one of Toronto's most dignified and thought-provoking public spaces, serving as a member of the Parks Construction Committee and donating his skills as the Electrical Consultant for the project. Ireland Park serves as a reminder of the past, as well as a reflection on our present and future, where these hardships continue to exist.

Tony worked with the design team at Kearns Mancini and with his friend Chris Nelson to develop the lighting in the park, on the silos, along the south Quay, and within the memorial stone structure. He came up with the ideas for the lighting of the sculptures.

Tony and his wife Sandy operated as McDonnell Engineering Incorporated; providing engineering design services over the past 30 years to hundreds of clients in Toronto and the surrounding areas. He specialized in lighting design for commercial buildings and institutions, including banks, insurance companies, golf clubs, car dealerships, factories, warehouses, hospitals, churches, funeral homes and parks.

The legacy of Tony lives on, through his wife Sandy, daughter Siobhan, other family members, friends, colleagues, and through Ireland Park.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Tony McDonnell's family and friends.

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