

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Cressy

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Timothy Stansfield Frankford on August 1, 2015.

Bob Frankford was a loving father, husband, committed social democrat, activist and family physician. He had a passion for social justice and was a champion of the right to health care and ensuring barrier free access to health care. Bob challenged inequality in all of its forms, opposed racism whenever it occurred, and strongly advocated for an end to homelessness.

Bob's work was deeply intertwined with the civic life in Ontario and Toronto. As a New Democratic Party Member of Provincial Parliament from 1990-1995, Bob served the residents of Scarborough East. During his time at Queen's Park, Bob used his medical background to advocate for sickle-cell disease and other health related issues.

As a physician, Bob led by example in advancing the concept of health care teams. Bob started his own Health Service Organization working as a primary care physician surrounded by a team of other health care practitioners treating registered patients and compensated by a capitation system rather than fee-for-service. In addition, a strong undercurrent of volunteerism continued in the health field, including mentoring foreign-trained doctors seeking to gain accreditation in Ontario, worked closely with the Sickle Cell Association of Ontario, and chairing the Scarborough Agincourt collaborative committee of the Central East LHIN.

Bob was also no stranger to the activities of the City of Toronto. He worked for three years as the Attending Physician at Seaton House continuing his commitment to serving the homeless and marginalized, and participating on the Toronto Pedestrian Committee and Food Policy Council.

Bob's contributions to our civic life will be sorely missed.

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

December 9, 2015