

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Ana Bailão

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Irving Ungerman on October 27, 2015.

Irving leaves behind his loving and devoted family including his wife of 70 years, Sylvia, their son Howie, daughters Shelley and Temmi, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and numerous close friends. Irving also was a dear brother to the late Harry, Jack, Dave, Kievy, Betty, and Ida.

Born in Toronto in 1923, Irving was the son of Jewish immigrants who originally struggled to earn a living. However, his family persevered and through hard work and determination he also became a successful businessman. He was affectionately known as the "Chicken King" of Toronto, overseeing Royce Dupont Poultry Packers, which was initially established by his parents in 1934 as Royce Avenue Poultry and Egg Market.

Inducted into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame in 1973, Irving originally took up boxing as a young child in order to defend himself. He excelled at the sport and won a boxing championship in Toronto in his own right as a teenager. As an adult, he helped bring boxing to the forefront of Toronto and Canada by managing a number of boxers including Canadian heavyweight champion George Chuvalo and promoting many international title fights.

Irving is also known for his generosity, donating time, energy, and money to the many causes that were close to his heart. He helped to establish Beth Sholom synagogue and served its congregation as a member of the board for over thirty years and as a volunteer even longer than that. He also helped to save the Santa Claus Parade and served as a founding director of the rescued parade. He contributed to and participated in many other charitable causes, always giving back to his community.

In recognition of his efforts and achievements, Irving was honored with many awards and accolades including the Order of Ontario, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Beth Sholom Brotherhood Humanitarian Award, and many others. He lived and loved life to its fullest, touching the hearts of many along the way through his generosity and kindness. It is only fitting that he be recognized in this way by the City that he loved and gave so much to over the years.

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

December 9, 2015