

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by:** Councillor Mary Fragedakis

**Seconded by:** Councillor Norman Kelly

The Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Joseph John Lippert on January 28, 2016.

Joseph Lippert was born in St. Ivan, Yugoslavia on July 30, 1925. In 1927, Joseph's family immigrated to Canada.

Wanting to nurture a love of music, Joseph's mother bought him an accordion. His father built him a special bench to hold that accordion – a bench that still sits in the family kitchen to this day. Although Joseph studied in many different fields, music was always in the forefront, leading to teaching positions at various music schools. In 1957, wanting to strike out on his own, Joseph started Lippert Music on Pape Avenue. He had many successes in his students, giving them a firm foundation and starting the careers of many Toronto musicians.

Joseph had many other interests including bird watching. Having spent time in the air cadets as a young man, Joseph loved to identify aircraft overhead. He belonged to the German Club and the Canadian Accordion Teachers Association, serving as their treasurer for many years. Joseph also loved to travel.

Joseph Lippert was a proud East Yorker who touched the lives of so many in his community.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Joseph John Lippert.

February 3, 2016