

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by:**            **Councillor Josh Matlow**

**Seconded by:**      **Councillor Gord Perks**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Howard Reid Cable on March 30, 2016 at the age of 95.

Howard was a legendary conductor, composer and arranger. Over his 80-year career, Howard collaborated with a celebrated and diverse array of musicians including Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett, the Canadian Brass, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Sharon, Lois and Bram.

Born in Toronto in 1920, Howard attended Parkdale Collegiate Institute and completed his musical education at the Royal Conservatory of Music. Howard started his career doing radio production at CFRB later, at the CBC where he became Director of Music at CBC Radio and, later, Television. His piece, Saturday's Game, was heard by millions of Canadians every week as the theme song for Hockey Night in Canada from 1952-1968.

After a brief but successful stint in New York during the 1960s, where his work on Broadway as a Musical Director included arranging the score for the Sound of Music, Howard returned to Canada to be the Musical Director for Expo 67 and continued his prolific career at home.

Howard wrote 10 scores for the National Film Board of Canada and, starting in 1977, began a 40-year collaboration with the Canadian Brass where he was called the "Mozart of Canada" for his ability to compose something in his head and then write it from memory. Since 1986, the Regimental Band has played Howard's composition The Ten Provinces March during the Changing of the Guard ceremony on Parliament Hill.

Still an active musician, Mr. Cable spent March 29, the day before his passing, working on a piece for an upcoming Symphony Nova Scotia concert. On the day of his passing he was to record his arrangement (in collaboration with Jean Miso) for The Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Mr. Cable was named a member of the Order of Canada in 1999, and was also awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Howard leaves his partner, Lori Fox Rossi, his children Linda, Judy, and Greg, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Richard Nairn.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Howard Reid Cable's family.

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