

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon

Seconded by: Councillor Jon Burnside

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Bob Acton, 60 years of age, on Friday, June 3, 2016.

Bob was a well-known fixture in the Beach community. He began his hockey career as a youngster at Ted Reeve Arena. After university in Arizona, he returned to Toronto and a new subdivision a two-minute walk from the arena, where he started Bob Acton Sports.

Bob's influence was massive in the local sports community. Through the after-school hockey programs and sports camps at Bob Acton Sports, many, many male and female hockey, baseball and lacrosse players developed superior fitness and athletic skills. While he was a tough coach and instructor, Bob was otherwise gentle and approachable, and was a mentor to many young athletes.

Bob was a certified hockey and baseball instructor and during his career, coached two national champion teams in women's softball, and ten provincial champions. In addition to sports training, Bob was passionate about healthy foods, and included sports nutrition in all of his programs and camps.

Afflicted with ALS ('Lou Gehrig's Disease') two years ago when he was 58 years old, Bob continued instructing on and off ice as long as he could. His son Reid Acton, will proudly continue in his father's footsteps, having recently taken over coaching and instructing duties.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Bob's wife Heather, and their two children, Reid and Avery.

June 9, 2016