

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: **Councillor Janet Davis**

Seconded by: **Councillor Justin J. Di Ciano**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Noel Robert Harding on May 26, 2016.

Noel Harding was a much loved and respected artist and urban innovator. Born in London, England in 1945, Noel first studied architecture and engineering but began his career as an artist in the 1970s, working in the then-new medium of video. He moved on to installation, projection, and kinetic sculpture projects, and for the past 20 years devoted himself to creating work in the public realm which focused on complex social, environmental and urban planning issues.

His impressive output of public art enlivens spaces throughout Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area. Noel recently completed *Reverb* (2015), a Pan Am legacy project at Oshawa's GM Centre; *Dawes Crossing* (2013) at Dawes Road and Victoria Park Avenue; and was working on a sculptural installation for Dundas Street and Islington Avenue, which will be completed this fall. His iconic work *Elevated Wetlands*, whose large sculptural forms filter water from the Don River, is familiar to anyone who has driven on the Don Valley Parkway.

Noel exhibited and lectured internationally, and his work is included in many public collections, including the Vancouver Art Gallery, the National Gallery of Canada, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and the Hara Museum, Tokyo.

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

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