

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor David Shiner

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Thompson

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Shimon Peres on September 28, 2016.

Shimon Peres was the former Prime Minister and 9th President of the State of Israel. He was an internationally respected elder statesman, a Founding Father of the State of Israel, and has held numerous posts in public life as one of the longest serving politicians in Israel's history.

Mr. Peres was well known for his efforts in the signing of the Oslo Accords and the signing of a peace treaty with Jordan. He was jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize with former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and former Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat. Mr. Peres was also recognized with the Presidential Medal of Freedom from United States President Barack Obama, the country's highest civilian honour, for his contributions to world peace.

City Councillors who had the fortune of meeting Shimon Peres have described him as a humble and very knowledgeable man. He will be remembered and sincerely missed by all those whose lives he touched with his visions of peace and progress.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the family of Shimon Peres and the State of Israel.

October 6, 2016