

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM27.25	ACTION			Ward:All
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**Sears National Kids Cancer Ride - by Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Community Development and Recreation Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Michelle Holland, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, recommends that:

1. City Council recognize and congratulate all those riders who participated in the 2016 Sears National Kids Cancer Ride which raised significant funds for childhood cancer research and program support and in particular, City Council recognize Frank Molinari, a City of Toronto employee with the Facilities Management Division who completed the cross country charity ride in 2016.

**Summary**

Each year for the past nine years a group of dedicated riders have participated in the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride. It is one of the most ambitious rides of its kind. The ride begins in Vancouver and ends 18 days later in Halifax. Riders complete between 150 kilometres and 220 kilometres per day. Training for the ride can take up to a year. This past year the ride raised over \$750,000 for research and programs associated with the fight against childhood cancer. Over the years, the ride has raised millions of dollars. Many of the riders are either the parents or family of children who have fought cancer or friends and supporters. It is a memorable and truly wonderful 18-day effort. This past year, 2016, one of the riders who cycled across Canada in the ride was Frank Molinari, a City of Toronto employee with the Facilities Management Division. Frank's dedication and commitment to the ride saw him overcome the grueling physical challenge of the ride that began with the rear wheels of the bicycles being placed in the Pacific Ocean and then 18 days later the front wheels being placed in the Atlantic Ocean.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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