

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Gord Perks

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dan McDermott on January 4, 2017.

One of the lights of the environmental movement passed last night. Dan McDermott was a co-founder of Greenpeace's Toronto chapter back in 1976 and has been the director of the Ontario Chapter of the Sierra Club for years. Dan was a great friend and not infrequent head butter of Bob Hunter's over the years. Dan and John Bennett gave the Bob Hunter Memorial lecture last April to a packed house at University of Toronto; testament to his impact and importance. After having parachuted into Darlington to protest the development of nuclear energy in Ontario, Dan has worked tirelessly his whole life to improve the quality of the environment we live in, land, soil, water and air. Dan was one of the greatest ecoheroes around and is an inspiration to anyone interested in the world we depend upon. He demonstrated that environmentalism is not a job, not a hobby, not a cause. Environmentalism is Life, period!

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Dan McDermott's friends and colleagues.

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