

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Jaye Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Jon Burnside

Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Walter Patrick Shanly on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

Walter Shanly was born in Toronto, Ontario on July 6, 1959. He was a loving husband to his wife Jacquelynn and devoted father to his son, Muredach.

Walter was an avid equestrian, and developed this passion by founding Sunnybrook Stables Limited in 1979, at age 20. Sunnybrook Stables has since grown to become one of the largest public riding facilities in Canada.

Walter was the Chair of Dressage Canada, and was instrumental in the management of the Canadian Dressage Team before and during the Atlanta Olympics in 1996. Walter established the Loblaws Classic, an innovative show jumping competition in Sunnybrook Park and was a longstanding supporter and patron of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto.

In addition to being a devoted father, husband and equestrian, Walter had a philanthropic nature and championed a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder therapeutic riding program due to his adoration of the Canadian Military. Walter also organized programs with the Toronto Mounted Unit at the Horse Palace's Riding Academy to benefit at risk youth, whom he cared deeply about.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our deepest sympathies to Walter's wife Jacquelynn, their son Muredach, to his family and to his many friends.

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