



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Josh Colle

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of passing of Garry Lowe on July 7, 2018, at the age of 65.

Garry Lowe was born in Kingston, Jamaica in 1953. When he was 22, Garry moved to Canada, where he established himself as an esteemed and in-demand bassist in Toronto's reggae scene by performing with legends such as Jackie Mittoo, Leroy Sibbles and Bernie Pitters. A prolific collaborator, Garry Lowe worked on countless musical projects with a multitude of local and international artists.

Garry Lowe is best known as the bassist for the renowned Canadian band Big Sugar, which he joined in 1995. With Big Sugar, Garry Lowe was featured on some of the band's most popular and best loved songs. When the band went on hiatus in 2003, Garry Lowe released an album with the Truth and Rights Revue, a group he formed with fellow Big Sugar member Mojah. Garry Lowe's final performances include a December 2017 set at the Danforth Music Hall with other Big Sugar members and Rush guitarist Alex Lifeson.

The following statement from personal friend and fellow legend Bernie Pitters reflects the immense respect that musicians young and old held for Garry Lowe's talent:

"There's not an artist you can call who would say Garry played it wrong. He always had it right."

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

July 24, 2018