

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Janet Davis

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Edward Svelnis on Tuesday July 10, 2018.

Ed Svelnis was a fixture in East York. He volunteered with the East York Hockey Association for over 50 years. He twice served as its President, from 1981-1983 and from 1987-1991. He ran the snack bar at the East York Memorial Arena from 1993-2005 and sold watermelon in Stan Wadlow Park during the Canada Day Festival. Ed was the Treasurer up until the time of his passing and he held many other titles with this organization as well.

Hockey wasn't his only passion. Ed also volunteered for the Topham Park Minor Softball League as umpire from 1991-1993, coach from 1993-1995, and sponsor from 1997-2011. The Topham Park Men's Slow Pitch League benefited from his assistance in various roles too. Between 1986 and 2018, Ed served as manager, coach, player, a member of the Executive for over 20 years, and treasurer until 2016.

Ed was also a loving father and grandfather to his children Joe, Jeannette (and Mike), Angela, Andrew (and Tracey) and his grandchildren Stephen, Lisa, Robert, Megan, Beth, Emily and Cameron.

Family, friends, and neighbours regularly referred to Ed as Papa or Papa Fix. When he wasn't up a ladder fixing something, he loved spending time golfing with his long time buddies. Ed was regularly found on his front porch smoking a cigar, relaxing with his family and the dogs, or in his garage sharing a beer with a neighbour or two. On cool nights he could be found in his back yard in front of a small fire where friends and animals were always welcome. When weather kept him inside Ed would be at his living room desk working on one of his many multi-piece puzzles of which he proudly displayed on his garage walls. It was not uncommon to run into Ed at Costco snaking on free samples, which was one of his favorite afternoon outings. You could also run into Ed at the bank, and Tim Hortons on a daily basis. During hockey season Ed and the Ladies of EYHA would make regular stops on Tuesday and Saturday nights at Jawney Bakers and/or the Glengarry for a cold beer after a long day/night at the arena.

Ed will be missed more than words could ever express by his friends, family, and all who know him in East York and beyond.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to family and friends of Ed Svelnis.

July 25, 2018