



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Frances Nunziata

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of David Lewis Stein on September 3, 2019.

Born and raised in Toronto, David Lewis Stein spent most of his adult life as an author, teacher, and urban commentator. He began his career as an assistant editor at Maclean's Magazine in 1960, and since then, he wrote for the London Sunday Times, the International Herald Tribune, and for 30 years covered City affairs for The Toronto Star as a feature writer, editorial writer and columnist. In 2002, after leaving the Toronto Star, David became an adjunct professor at the University of Toronto's Innis College in the Urban Studies Department until his retirement.

David, a dear friend of mine for over thirty years, had a true passion for all things Toronto and made civic politics accessible and explicable to the City's residents. Beyond that, his insistence to do the right thing and gather all sides of a story drove his readers and his students to look for solutions to many of the most pressing issues facing the City. His commitment to seeing Toronto thrive is reflected in the ideas he put forward including for transit, municipal reform, and housing.

David wrote four novels, four books about politics, a book of short stories, a play, and several radio plays - often recounting life and politics in Toronto throughout his work. He was also a founding member of The Writers Union of Canada, and has been a member of the Board of the Jewish Community Centre, the executive of the Southern Ontario Newspaper Guild, and the advisory board of the St. Lawrence Centre Forum.

David's life and career have left a profound impact on the City of Toronto and on those who had the pleasure to know him and work with him.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to David Lewis Stein's family.

October 2, 2019