

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM27.36	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Recognizing Stem Cell Biologist Derrick Rossi - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council recognize the historic contributions made by Harvard Professor and Stem Cell Biologist, Derrick Rossi, the founder of Moderna who has played a major role in developing the Moderna Vaccine.

**Summary**

This Motion requests that Toronto City Council recognize the historic contributions made by Harvard Professor and Stem Cell Biologist Derrick Rossi, the founder of Moderna, who has played a major role in developing the Moderna Vaccine.

By recognizing this illustrious graduate of Norman Bethune Collegiate in Scarborough and the University of Toronto, we have an opportunity to thank all the unsung heroes in Canada's medical scientific community who have contributed so much towards the efforts in the battle to contain the spread of COVID-19.

By recognizing Derrick Rossi and his colleagues who have worked tirelessly to develop a vaccine, we can use this as an opportunity to encourage citizens to participate in the planned vaccination programs and help overcome vaccine hesitancy.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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