



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Mark Grimes

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Vasil William (Bill) Evanov on February 28, 2020.

Bill, the son of Bulgarian immigrant parents, learned radio from the ground up. In 1984 Bill began his own radio ownership career, establishing Evanov Communications Inc. Thirty-six years later the company is a model of success operating 19 stations across Canada.

Bill's passion for radio was immense and his dedication to his craft was an outstanding example of discipline and leadership in the radio industry. Bill's accomplishments were numerous, creating several unique radio formats that include Energy 108 and Z103.5, the company's flagship station that broadcasts from its headquarters in Etobicoke. Among the company's other formats are Toronto-based PROUD FM, the world's first LGBTQ radio station and multilingual ethnic stations that broadcast in more than 40 languages.

Bill was greatly respected and admired in the broadcasting industry and received many prestigious awards throughout his career, including his induction into the Canadian Music and Broadcasting Industry Hall of Fame in 2011.

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

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