

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Layton

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ryan Ayukawa on August 20, 2020.

Ryan was a member of the City's Advisory Committee on the Protection of Affordable Rental Housing. He served as a person with lived experience but also representing the Ontario Tenant Alliance, of which he was a founding member.

He regularly shared his own insights and insight from other members of the Ontario Tenant Alliance on how COVID-19 was impacting tenancies, how the provincial Bill 184 could affect tenants and what resources would be helpful to tenants to advocate for their rights.

A Fine Arts Graduate of York University, Ryan enriched Toronto's cultural scene as a promoter/producer for local musicians and artists. Ryan was a talented music and arts journalist – but more than that, he cared deeply about Toronto's grassroots music community. He advocated tirelessly for emerging artists, small venues, and do-it-yourself event organizers, and worked hard through his media platforms to highlight their achievements and their needs.

Ryan frequently shared his time, his extensive contacts, and his insights to help the City's Music Office and members of the Toronto Music Advisory Committee in their work on behalf of the grassroots music community.

Throughout his life, Ryan was a lifelong "giver", despite his health challenges.

His contributions to his community and the City will not be forgotten. Ryan will be greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy for his family and his host of friends.

September 30, 2020