



## **CONDOLENCE MOTION**

**Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mark Grimes**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Firefighter Duncan Blair Gibson on July 6, 2020.

Duncan was an Etobicoke native who followed in his father's footsteps as a firefighter with the City of Toronto. Duncan joined Toronto Fire Services in 2000 as the youngest new recruit and in 2018 was designated as Acting Captain as a crew member of P433, Platoon D at Station 433. Duncan proudly served the residents of Toronto as a passionate and dedicated first responder for over 18 years. Duncan's family residence was in the Etobicoke Community and located just a few blocks from the two Fire Halls he was stationed at within his career - he lived and worked within the Community he served.

Duncan Gibson was deeply committed to his community including his family, friends, and the City of Toronto. As a high school student, Duncan was a dedicated volunteer at St. Joseph's Health Centre, contributing over 300 volunteer hours between the emergency department and the flower delivery program for patients. In high school Duncan was also part of a team that campaigned to prevent impaired driving. During his high school years, Duncan was a nominee for Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year (1996) and achieved his Duke of Edinburgh Silver award.

Duncan's commitment to the Fire Department and the community he served was prominent through his long-standing commitment to furthering his education and bettering his skills and knowledge - over and above what the service required. Duncan earned his Ontario Fire College Certificate of Achievement completing fireground operations, specialized and firefighter in the community modules by spring 2002. In 2005, Duncan graduated with an Honours Bachelor of Science (Psychology and English double major) from the University of Toronto (Victoria College). In June 2007 Duncan earned a Certificate in Fire Leadership from Dalhousie University.

As a member of the Toronto Fire Service, Duncan hosted in-station tours for school students, and Brownie and Scout troupes. Duncan was keen to impart key fire safety education such as having a fire escape plan, Stop, Drop and Roll and smoke detector checks. Duncan marched with his TFS sisters and brothers at St. Patrick's Day and Labour Day marches when his shifts would allow, and actively supported his TFS colleagues both personally and professionally.

Duncan valued his role as a parent to Willow and Marigold above everything. He described them as his life's greatest joy. Duncan was a proud volunteer coach for his daughter Willow's baseball team, and a frequent presenter at career days for Willow and Marigold's nursery school and elementary school classes.

Duncan was always an upbeat and hardworking firefighter, respecting the role he played in his community, viewing his career as a firefighter, a privilege more than a job - just like his father.

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

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