

## **CONDOLENCE MOTION**

**Moved by: Mayor John Tory**

**Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford**

The Mayor and Members of Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mohamed-Aslim Zafis on September 12, 2020.

Mohamed was a devout Muslim who dedicated much of his time to volunteering at the International Muslims Organization mosque where he was a devout worshipper and volunteer.

He spent years volunteering at a nearby food bank where he prepared hampers for the hungry and recently held a drive-through barbecue for children in the community. On the day his life was taken he was working to keep his fellow worshippers safe by ensuring that everyone entering the mosque that day wore a mask and respected COVID-19 public health guidelines.

Mohamed lived a life of service, giving back to his community and bettering the lives of those who knew and loved him. He will be deeply missed by his Muslim brothers and sisters, family, friends and the community. We are all committed to making sure we bring justice to Mohamed's memory, his family and this community. We need to do this so that we can preserve the purpose of mosques. Mosques are inherently known as places for people to come together, and to be a place where we can support one another. But most importantly, they are a place where you can and should feel safe. Attacks like the one that tragically took Mohamed's life, jeopardize all of this.

Together we stand against this form of violence so that we do not lose sight of the purpose of places of worship in Toronto.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to his family, friends and the community.

September 30, 2020