

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Ana Bailão

The Mayor and Members of Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Wayne Roberts on January 20, 2021.

Wayne Roberts was a well-respected food policy analyst and writer who passionately advocated for food security. Wayne was a regular reporter on local and global food issues for Rabble.ca, travelling across Europe and North America and speaking on matters related to food policy councils, food charters, food waste and food-related careers. Wayne was also a regular columnist for NOW Magazine and a published author.

As manager of the Toronto Food Policy Council from 2000 to 2010, Wayne helped to develop Toronto's Food Charter, adopted by Toronto City Council in 2000, that advocated for "the fundamental right of everyone to be free from hunger" by making Toronto a food-secure City. In April 2009, the Toronto Food Policy Council received the Bob Hunter Environmental Achievement Award for striving to make food part of the environmental agenda.

Wayne Roberts was also a member of the City of Toronto's Environmental Task Force and was an important contributor to Clean, Green and Healthy: A Plan for an Environmentally Sustainable Toronto that was adopted by Toronto City Council in 2000.

In 2012, Wayne Roberts received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Food Secure Canada for his encouragement and support for youth activists. In 2013, he was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for his community service contributions.

Wayne Roberts served on the boards of FoodShare, Unitarian Service Committee, Alternatives Journal, as well as SustainOntario's Advisory Council. His legacy will live on in his family, in his inspiring work and in the next generation of activists whom he mentored.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Wayne Robert's wife Lori Stahlbrand, their children as well as friends and colleagues.

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