

***Expression of Condolence for
Chaitanya K. "Chai" Kalevar by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor Frances Nunziata

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Chaitanya K. "Chai" Kalevar on February 11, 2022.

Throughout his life, Chai was passionate about civic action and was a champion for sustainability and protecting our planet. He was one of Toronto's great advocates for the greening of the City, by improving transit, cycling, and planting trees, and getting behind environmental causes of all types. Chai always put his energy into action, attending countless community and public meetings and events across the City addressing environmental issues. His passion for global activism spanned across the world including Brazil, the Hague, Spain, and more.

In his spare time, he pursued four degrees (including three master's) and immersed himself in athletics (swimming, diving, and tennis), as well as the arts (dance and poetry). Chai was also one of Toronto's great cycling advocates, promoting cycling safety. He was always spotted by his many friends around Toronto cycling on his bike and wearing one of his famous t-shirts.

Chai's smile and laugh always brightened up the room he was in. He was a community-builder who never stopped trying to make the City, and our world, a more sustainable place for all.

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

March 9, 2022