## **Expression of Condolence for Michele Albanese by Toronto City Council**

## Moved by: Councillor Frances Nunziata

## Seconded by: Councillor Vincent Crisanti

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Michele Albanese on January 22, 2023. He was 58 years old.

Michele was a devoted husband to his wife Helma, the proud father of Massimo, Adriano and Isabella, cherished son of his mother Maria, loving brother to Laura and brother-in-law Germinio, treasured uncle to Alexander and Charissa and her husband Mauro, great-uncle to Luca and Mila, beloved son-in-law to Ria and Frank, and brotherin-law to Emile. He is reunited in heaven with his father, Giacinto.

Michele was beloved by everyone: friends, family, colleagues and strangers alike, and he strove to serve family and community with equal passion. Michele was a loving and even-tempered man, who was always able to see the best in every person and every situation. He faced every threat as an opportunity to better himself and the world around him. The best example being H2Flow, the company that he founded and made flourish to the success it is today. Michele will be remembered for making his dream a reality. Michele built H2Flow over 31 years ago and it was a journey that took him from a oneman operation to being one of the largest water and wastewater companies in Canada. He has provided clean water throughout the world including Africa (ranging from Morocco to Gabon), North, South and Central America, as well as the Caribbean, and was recognized with the many awards and accolades that demonstrated his passion for the environment. Michele has touched the lives of many people and we will be forever grateful for his compassion, thoughtfulness, and generosity.

Michele was a true paragon of selfless love and his impact on us and his community will be felt forever and will be irreplaceable.

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

February 7, 2023