

***Expression of Condolence for
Muhammad (Moe) Irshad by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor Frances Nunziata

The Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Muhammad ("Moe") Irshad.

Moe was born in Sialkot City and was inspired by his grandfather and father who were very active in national and local politics. He decided to leave Pakistan to further his education and work abroad to see the world. He traveled to Iran, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Austria, and West Germany, before settling in Canada in the mid-1960s.

Moe always believed that learning and education is for life, and he worked various jobs in order to pay for educational and living expenses. He was diligent and assiduous in all that he did, first graduating in 1971 in marketing management from now Toronto Metropolitan University and later pursuing further degrees and certificates from Humber College and York University. He married, raised his son, and made Midtown Toronto his home and always believed in being active in local and community affairs.

Moe worked throughout his life on many business ventures and was a founding member of numerous large business and trade organizations. He served as a founding member and Secretary-Treasurer of The Toronto Export Club from about 1985 to 1990, one of the largest business organizations in the Province to help business owners. He was also the founding member and a Director of the Canada-Indonesian Business Counsel , a founding member, Director, Secretary-Treasurer and a Vice Chairman of the Ontario Division of the Canada-Pakistan Business Counsel, as well as a founding Director of the Canada – Bangladesh Business Counsel. He was also appointed as a Public Council member of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario.

Moe championed numerous causes and always believed in giving back to others. Throughout his life, he was involved in his local community along with municipal, provincial, and federal governments always with the goal of striving to make the world a better place for future generations.

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

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