

***Expression of Condolence for  
Sam Russo by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Colle**

The Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Severino "Sam" Russo, who passed away on April 14, 2023, at the age of 65.

Sam was known for his anti-violence and anti-gun advocacy in communities across Toronto. He will be remembered for his involvement with Working Against Violence Everyday (W.A.V.E.), a registered charity founded by his wife, Louise Russo, who was tragically caught in in a shooting incident that left her paralyzed.

Sam's legacy will live on not only in his family, but in his many dedicated efforts in working towards ending gun-related violence in Toronto. His compassionate approach to community safety has left a lasting impact in our city and beyond.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to his wife, Louise; their children, Steven, Jenna and Krista and their families as well as the many lives he touched through his work.

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