

***Expression of Condolence for
Richard Morris by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Gord Perks

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Richard Morris on June 7, 2023.

Richard was a charismatic, visionary leader in a subtle, enabling way—never seeking the limelight, rather, excited and satisfied that he was making a difference, and that things were moving in the right direction.

Richard was loved and cherished by many people including: his wife Elizabeth, his son Gerald, his daughter-in-law Liz, his daughter Lauren, his son-in-law James, and his daughter Nicole. He was also cherished by 10 siblings, and a loving mother and father that would all become his family.

Richard filled their Nipigon home with song, belting out everything from "My Girl" by the Temptations, to "Old Town Road" by Lil Nas X. Richard was also constantly writing down his own lyrics and had his song "Idle Time," independently produced during the pandemic.

Of the countless professional accomplishments Richard had during his 25 year career at the City, the creation of the Better Buildings Partnership in 1996 stands out as one of his most proud achievements—a program aimed at improving the efficiency of buildings that was replicated around the world.

Richard made great contributions to the City and made a real difference. He will not be forgotten.

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

July 19, 2023