

***Expression of Condolence for  
Carmine Raviele by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle**

**Seconded by: Councillor Anthony Perruzza**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Carmine Raviele on October 3, 2023, at the age of 85.

Carmine was a beloved figure in the Italian-Canadian community and the proud owner of Il Gatto Nero Café (the “Cat”) on College Street, which he founded in 1960. It began as a café serving the finest espresso in the city and later evolved into a restaurant, becoming a pillar within the city's iconic Little Italy neighbourhood. Il Gatto Nero was Carmine's home away from home. Together with his son, Michael, they were dedicated to making all patrons who entered its doors - longtime friends or tourists visiting for the first time - feel like family. Carmine always had a smile on his face as he went on walks within the neighbourhood, saying hello to everyone who knew him. Carmine is remembered for his great kindness and generosity.

Time spent with family was everything to Carmine, especially Sundays with his family. Lunch at 3 o'clock with Carmine's family was a sacred tradition he was so proud of. Nothing brought a smile to Carmine's face more than his grandchildren who were his pride and joy. Carmine will be greatly missed by his beloved wife Gina, children Michael (Susie) and Antonietta, brother Angelantonio, and his grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and their families, and all those who met and knew him along the way.

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

October 11, 2023