

***Expression of Condolence for
Stephen James Bedford by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Frances Nunziata

Seconded by: Mayor Olivia Chow

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Stephen James Bedford on February 18, 2024. He was 59 years old and left behind a legacy of adventure, camaraderie, and cherished memories.

The son of the esteemed former City of Toronto Chief Planner, Paul Bedford, and the late Eugenia Bedford, Steve lived his life as a testament to his adventurous spirit and unwavering determination. Steve's passion for the outdoors, particularly canoeing, defined him, with numerous expeditions in the vast expanse of Algonquin Park. Steve not only embraced the tranquility of the wilderness but also shared his love for exploration with those around him.

Steve's love for the great outdoors extended beyond the warm seasons, as he completed several 35-mile snowshoe expeditions. His determination and zest for life were truly admirable, exemplified by the fact that Steve even managed to persuade his father, Paul Bedford, to join him on one such challenging trek. The bond between father and son, forged through shared adventures, is a testament to the strength of family and the enduring legacy that Steve leaves behind.

As we remember Steve, let us celebrate the countless moments of joy, laughter, and camaraderie he brought into our lives. His adventurous spirit and love for the wilderness will forever be etched in our memories.

May the memories of Steve's expeditions, his laughter, and the warmth of his companionship bring solace to your hearts. In honoring his memory, let us find strength in the shared experiences and the enduring love that will forever bind us to the legacy of Stephen James Bedford.

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

March 20, 2024