

***Expression of Condolence for
Ernesto (Ernie) Bevacqua by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ernesto (Ernie) Bevacqua on April 2, 2024.

Ernie was loved by everyone that he met, his infectious smile and happy-go-lucky attitude instantly won over relatives and strangers alike. Whether you knew him from his neighbourhood walks, or his 34 plus years at Canadian Tire, Ernie was always happy to meet new people, share a joke or two, and spend some time talking about his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs, Toronto Blue Jays, and the Buffalo Bills.

Ernie was one of the greatest car enthusiasts and historians you could ever meet. Whether it was about the classic American muscle cars like his favourite the Pontiac Firebird or the latest technology in Electric vehicles, he was a fountain of knowledge and he could spend hours sharing that knowledge with friends and family alike.

Local heroes like Ernie Bevacqua are the lifeblood of a community and are impossible to replace. He was an incredible and much-loved employee at our local Canadian Tire and was the glue and leader of the whole staff, who all loved and treated him as a big brother. Everyone in the community who came into the store was greeted by Ernie with a warm welcome, respect, and dignity – and all will miss Ernie and his presence.

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

April 17, 2024