

Expression of Condolence for Rizuan Rahman by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

Seconded by: Councillor Parthi Kandavel

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Rizuan Rahman.

Mr. Rahman came to Canada from Bangladesh in 2010 and built a life for himself through hard work. After his first diagnosis of cancer and major surgery, he completed his law degree and passed the Bar exam to become a lawyer. He was a successful lawyer who took on countless pro bono cases to help those struggling. When the cancer returned, Mr. Rahman didn't give up as he faced his diagnosis with courage and continued his work and charitable efforts.

Mr. Rahman was a dedicated community builder in Scarborough who recognized an opportunity within the Toronto community to help bridge the growing generational and cultural gaps. Beyond traditional forms of community involvement— such as organizing cultural events and creating spaces for the arts—he established an environment centered on education and empowerment.

Mr. Rahman founded a youth space and hosted community circles, where younger members of the community could connect with seniors and learn about the rich history of their mother country from them. In turn, the elders were introduced to the cultural norms of Canadian society. Mr. Rahman also organized computer classes, workshops on North American history, and field trips that brought together both youth and seniors.

He also took the time to bring the community together through various projects including to help build the Mother Language Day Monument in Toronto and advocating for a youth cricket field in Scarborough.

Mr. Rahman's efforts were not limited to the Greater Toronto Area, as he also aided with charitable efforts in other parts of the world. His most cherished initiative was being the main benefactor of an orphanage for 157 children in his hometown in Bangladesh. He believed in the power of sharing and in quiet charity, making it his life's purpose to help those in need.

Mr. Rahman will be fondly remembered as a leader, mentor, and role model for many in the community.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy Rizuan's wife, Doly Begum, Member of Provincial Parliament for Scarborough Southwest, and family.

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