

***Expression of Condolence for Michael Mostyn  
by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Councillor James Pasternak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Colle**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Michael Mostyn on February 4, 2025, at the age of 50, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Michael was a passionate community leader and a strong human rights advocate. He was born to a family strongly rooted in Jewish values. This upbringing was key in his becoming an admirable and vocal leader.

Michael earned his law degree at the University of Western Ontario in 1999 and practiced with his father Alan at Mostyn and Mostyn. In 2006, he joined B'nai Brith Canada, an International Human Rights Organization. Michael was recognized for his success and outstanding contributions to protecting civil rights and fighting antisemitism earning a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. He rose to the position of Chief Executive Officer in 2014.

His work at B'nai Brith Canada shaped and influenced the Government of Canada's strategy in combatting hate and defending human rights. Michael was successful in efforts for provinces and cities to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism.

Michael was a panelist at Voices for Peace, a partnership with Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada, proving that outreach and interfaith dialogue is the most effective strategy in promoting social cohesion.

Michael was a regular at Toronto City Hall, deputing on important issues at the various committees, joining us at times of Jewish holidays, Israel flag raising and Holocaust remembrance. He reached out to elected representatives of all three levels of government urging vigilance and action in fighting hate and the scourge of antisemitism.

Michael spoke truth to power and ruffled some feathers along the way. He called out silent politicians, flawed government policy and hateful speakers. He praised police when the job was well done, but pointed out when there was work to be done.

Under Michael's leadership, B'nai Brith expanded its food bank, toy drive and clothing give-away programs, understanding that helping those in need is a critical priority and core to the mission of this organization.

Michael was a source of inspiration to thousands of Torontonians and Canadians. His positive impact and advocacy for the Jewish and wider community will always be remembered.

Michael was the beloved husband to Ella and a devoted father to Benjy and Bella. He is also survived by his loving parents, Sheila and Alan, and two siblings.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Mostyn.

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