

## ***Expression of Condolence for Masaru Takano by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Olivia Chow**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Masaru “Mas” Takano, who leaves behind a remarkable legacy of resilience, discipline, and community spirit.

Born on September 10, 1943, in New Denver, British Columbia, during the Japanese Canadian internment, Mas exemplified perseverance. Alongside his five brothers and two sisters, he overcame early hardships and later relocated with his family to Chatham, Ontario, where they farmed for rent while living in a one-room shed.

In the 1950s, the family moved to Toronto, where Mas began his lifelong passion for karate, joining the Tsurouka Karate Club. He trained, competed, and later officiated at tournaments across Canada. In 1967, Mas married Donna and earned his black belt. With their children, Paul and Christine, Mas went on to found his own karate club, dedicating over 50 years to the sport and earning an 8th-degree black belt. More importantly, he built lasting friendships and a close-knit community through karate.

After 12 years at Inducon Engineering, Mas established Takano Engineering, a successful business that gave him the freedom to pursue another passion—golf. Mas was known for his love of the game and the friendships it fostered, often playing multiple rounds each week and reliving the highlights over a cold beer with friends.

Mas Takano was a man of honour, passion, and deep loyalty. He built a successful business, a loving family, and left a lasting impact on all who knew him. His legacy will live on in the communities he helped build and the lives he touched.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our deepest sympathy to the Takano family and extended community on Masaru Takano’s passing.

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