

***Expression of Condolence for  
the Victims of the Air Canada Plane Crash  
at LaGuardia Airport, New York by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Councillor James Pasternak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Colle**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened by the tragic plane collision at LaGuardia Airport in New York on March 22, 2026, which claimed the lives of two pilots and left dozens of passengers and crew injured. The Air Canada flight, arriving from Montreal, collided with an airport fire vehicle upon landing, resulting in a devastating loss of life and significant injuries.

This heartbreaking incident has had a profound impact on communities across Canada, including here in Toronto. Among those lost was Mackenzie Gunther, a 2023 graduate of Seneca Polytechnic in Toronto, whose promising aviation career had only just begun. His connection to our city makes this tragedy especially close to home for many residents.

The second pilot, Antoine Forest of Coteau-du-Lac, Quebec, is remembered by those who knew him as a skilled and dedicated aviator, admired for his professionalism and character. The loss of these two pilots, alongside the trauma experienced by passengers, crew members, and their families, has resonated deeply across the country. At moments like this, we are reminded of the courage and responsibility carried by aviation professionals, and the fragility of life in the face of unforeseen tragedy.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of Antoine Forest and Mackenzie Gunther, as well as to all those affected by this tragic incident.

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