

**ACTION REQUIRED**

May 2, 2010

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Dianne Young  
Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **Memorial Commemorating Sito Mungcal**

Summary:

On November 14, 2009, the Board of Governors hosted a “celebration” in memory of Sito Mungcal, who passed away on November 5, 2009, wherein approximately 170 guests attended to express their condolences to Sito’s family. During the celebration the Chair of the Board announced that a memorial would be developed and located in an appropriate location at Exhibition Place to honour Sito’s memory. The proposed site for the installation of a plaque and viewing bench, for those who wish to sit and reflect on Sito’s memory, is south of the Better Living Centre, a location that Sito was very fond of and often visited. More specifically, the plaque will be affixed to a post just the outside of the fence at the west end of the pond behind the Better Living Centre (person noted in the attached photo shows location of post). The bench will be in front of plaque facing west toward the Rose Garden.

The memorial will be unveiled on November 5, 2010, with invitations to Sito’s family, representatives of the Board of Governors; the CNEA Board; City of Toronto Councillors and staff; and Exhibition Place employees.

**Recommendations:**

**It is recommended that:**

- (1) the Board approve the installation of a plaque and viewing bench commemorating the memory of Sito Mungcal; and**
- (2) appropriate Exhibition Place officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.**

Decision History:

At its meeting of July 26, 1999, the Board adopted a policy for the installation of commemorative plaques on the grounds of Exhibition Place.

At its meeting of December 4, 2009, the Board of Governors unanimously concurred with a “condolence motion” approved by City Council at its meeting of November 30, 2009 with respect to Sito Mungcal; and further requested that the Corporate Secretary convey, on behalf of the Board, sincere sympathy to Sito Mungcal’s family; and that the Chair and staff develop an appropriate memorial at Exhibition Place to honour Sito Mungcal.

Issue Background:

The Corporate Secretary has conferred with Capital Works and Archives staff and all agreed on the proposed location and wording of a memorial plaque in honour of Sito Mungcal.

Comments:

As stated in the condolence motion adopted by City Council and the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place:

Like most Torontonians, Mr. Mungcal was not born in Toronto. Born on May 25, 1945, he moved to Toronto from the Philippines in the mid seventies. His public service contributions were most evident at Exhibition Place in the City of Toronto. For twenty-three years at Exhibition Place, Sito held the positions of Secretary to the Chief General Manager and Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer. Throughout his life, Sito was known for his irreverence towards the systems and his honest and warmth for people. His open heart, his welcoming smile, and his zest for life will be remembered always.

Sito will be remembered by his brother Mr. John Mungcal, his sister, Ms. Myrna Mungcal, his sister Ms. Sylvia Bartlett and her husband John, his sister Ms. Glenita Mungcal, his nieces Ms. Melissa Garcia and Ms. Melanie Garcia as well as aunts, cousins and his extended family.

The proposed plaque will be approximately 2 feet wide x 2 feet high and will be affixed to a 4-foot post directly in front of the centre of the black rod iron fence of the enclosed Garden facing the Rose Garden (photo attached). The proposed wording of the plaque is as follows:

**“This plaque and viewing bench commemorates the life of Sito Mungcal (May 25, 1945 - November 5, 2009) whose service contributions were most evident at Exhibition Place from 1986 until 2009. Throughout his life, Sito was known for his irreverence towards “the system,” his honesty and warmth for people, his open heart, welcoming smile and his zest for life.**

**Sito enriched the lives of many and will always be remembered fondly by his co-workers, his many friends at Toronto City Hall and in the broader community.”**

The Corporate Secretary has conferred with Capital Works and Archives staff and all agree that the location is appropriate and that the Memorial to Sito Mungcal has adequately addressed or otherwise satisfied the issues and procedures required by the Exhibition Place Plaque Policy. As well, the plaque and viewing bench will not impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic and will not present a problem to any trade and consumer shows or events held at Exhibition Place. The Board of Governors will sponsor the cost of the plaque and viewing bench, its installation and its upkeep.

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