

**NOTICE OF MOTION
TORONTO CITY COUNCIL**

December 29, 2004

Disaster Relief – South Asia

Moved by: Councillor Michael Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Cliff Jenkins

“**WHEREAS**, last Sunday a mammoth earthquake and tsunami occurred in the Indian Ocean east of Indonesia;

WHEREAS, the immensity of the tsunami resulted in death tolls of over 100,000 people and devastation in the billions of dollars to a dozen nations on the Indian Ocean;

WHEREAS, the magnitude of this disaster will be amplified by an inevitable public health epidemic that will likely double the number of deaths directly attributed to the tsunami and resulting flooding;

WHEREAS, this is an international disaster requiring immediate and aggressive international intervention;

WHEREAS, several hundred thousand Canadians living in Toronto have family members living in countries such as Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Somalia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Maldives, and Bangladesh struck by this disaster;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Toronto City Council approve a contribution of one million dollars on behalf of the citizens of Toronto for direct South Asia relief due to this catastrophe;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this one million dollar donation be distributed through established relief agencies;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this donation be deemed in the interests of the municipality;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this Notice of Motion be distributed to all municipalities with a population greater than 50,000;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, be waived to permit introduction and debate of this Notice of Motion at the next meeting of Toronto City Council.”