

NOTICE OF MOTION
TORONTO CITY COUNCIL

Re: Censure of Mayor Melvin Lastman

WHEREAS Mayor Melvin Lastman has been actively responsible for failed labour relations that have resulted in the largest municipal strike in Canadian history; and

WHEREAS Mayor Melvin Lastman has publically threatened politically-motivated legal action against a Member of Council; and

WHEREAS the Mayor Melvin Lastman has actively and publically welcomed a known organized crime group to the City, contrary to police efforts; and

WHEREAS Mayor Melvin Lastman bears responsibility for the maladministration of computer service contracts entered into by the City, creating a loss of public confidence in the City's ability to effectively manage taxpayer money;

WHEREAS Mayor Melvin Lastman has made public statements pertaining to Africans that demonstrate seriously flawed judgement concerning issues of ethnicity and multiculturalism; and,

WHEREAS an audit has produced an incomplete explanation of the increase in spending from \$21 to \$45 million for the Toronto's 2008 Olympic Bid directed by Mayor Melvin Lastman; and

WHEREAS, through a consistent pattern of back room dealing, Mayor Melvin Lastman has effectively undermined the heritage of political openness and inclusiveness that has previously brought international acclaim to the City; and

WHEREAS the Mayor's repeated pattern of the heavy-handed control of elected and appointed officials has created an environment of intolerance, inhibited individual creativity, dampened a spirit of idealism, and minimized the role of some Members; and

WHEREAS Mayor Melvin Lastman's extensive absences from his duties have fuelled a growing public perception of a lack of interest and commitment on his part to the important duties of Chief Magistrate of the City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Melvin Lastman has acted in ways that have brought the City, its Council and the Office of the Mayor into public dishonour and disrepute;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Melvin Lastman has carried out his duties in a frequently repressive, reactive and inconsistent manner that has brought harm to the reputation of City Council, undermined its opportunities, and invited public contempt and ridicule;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Toronto City Council hereby censures Melvin Lastman for his practices and actions as Mayor.

July 9, 2002

Moved By: Councillor Michael Walker _____

Seconded By: Councillor Sandra Bussin _____