

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012
NOTICE OF MOTION, ITEM 3(i)

**The following notice of motion has been received, in accordance with
Standing Order 15.**

Motion from Councillor Peter Hiller

Seconded by Councillor Nazim Khan MBE, Labour Group Leader

“Council resolves:

THAT we, the Members of Peterborough City Council, assembled in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 acknowledge the eminent service rendered to the City by **Mr Gordon Ryall**.

The City of Peterborough recognises Gordon Ryall for his distinguished services and the significant contribution he has made to the city over a period of 40 years in the position of Her Majesty’s Coroner for Peterborough and prior to that as the Deputy Coroner for Peterborough. Throughout, Gordon has provided exceptional services to the local community in the role of Coroner and has always been very highly respected within the community, earning him repeated praise for going above and beyond what is required of a Coroner.

Gordon Ryall’s sympathetic and respectful manner has been appreciated by bereaved families from all communities within the multicultural city of Peterborough and as Coroner he would always go that extra mile to ensure religious sensitivities were given the highest priority following bereavement. Gordon has consistently conducted himself in a compassionate and co-operative manner, fulfilling his role as Coroner yet remaining considerate and sensitive to religious needs throughout the decades.

It is acknowledged that through the services provided by the Coroner’s Office, under the leadership of Gordon Ryall, immeasurable good work has been done in bringing the communities within the city of Peterborough together.

The dedication and commitment offered by Gordon Ryall has ensured that all communities within the city have been provided with access to the Coroner on weekends and public holidays and this is particularly appreciated by the Muslim community, given cultural sensitivities. It is this level of service and understanding that is unique to the city of Peterborough, thanks to Gordon’s exemplary hard work. This dedication and commitment is further exhibited by Gordon Ryall’s agreement to fulfil the role of Assistant Deputy Coroner for a period of time following his retirement, in order to assist the new Coroner and Deputy Coroner.

In recognition of the above, WE DO HEREBY CONFER the honorary freedom of the city upon **Mr Gordon Ryall**, of Peterborough.”

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