Raj

Some of you may remember the gentleman who used to sit in the corner by the door of the Council Chambers during every Council meeting. That was Raj, Raj Mathur, who used to take around the attendance list for guests, and who had been coming to these meetings for more than 20 years. He was even here when I started.

According to the records, Raj began as GSS representative in 1994, and he later served for a while as the Music representative, but mostly he was just here as a guest, and it seems to me that he never missed a meeting.

I once asked him why he came to all the meetings, and he said he’d once been a Councillor, which was true, but which I don’t think really answered the question. I think in a way we were a sort of extended family to Raj, and so, now that he has passed away, we have lost a little bit of our family.

His last meeting with us was on March 12. When he didn’t show up on March 26, I wondered, and I wondered even more when he missed the April 9 meeting. Then the word came out about his passing, so now we know.

Rest in peace, Raj.

For Council, April 30, 2014
(Remarks by Sheldon Goldfarb, Clerk of Council)