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## Statement on the Death of Kian Sam

February 6, 2026

I am deeply saddened by the tragic death of Kian Sam, a 16-year-old youth whose life was taken yesterday. On behalf of the City of Toronto, I extend my heartfelt condolences to Kian's family, loved ones, friends, and our entire community as they grieve this devastating loss.

On Thursday, February 5, 2026, at approximately 4:09 p.m., Toronto Police Service responded to an incident around Lawrence Avenue and Bellamy Road North at a local Tim Hortons. Police have confirmed Kian was shot and later succumbed to his injuries. This loss is deeply felt across Scarborough.

Toronto Police Service is actively investigating this as a homicide. I want to thank all first responders for their valiant actions in trying to save Kian. Police are asking anyone with information to come forward by contacting Toronto Police at 416-808-7400, or by providing information anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS (8477) or at [www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com).

Community cooperation is critical to helping investigators bring answers and accountability in this case.

The City of Toronto is working closely with Toronto Police Service and community partners to support safety in the area and to connect affected residents with appropriate services. [The City's Violence Intervention and Support Unit \(VISU\)](#) is coordinating with police, local businesses, and community service providers to assess the impact of this incident and ensure residents have access to the resources they need to heal and recover. The City has also shared resources on coping after a potentially traumatic community event and encourages residents to seek support when needed.

Our community deserves safety, healing, and justice. As a City Councillor I remain committed to prevention, youth support, and community-based responses to violence, and will continue to advocate for the resources necessary to protect and support our communities. My commitment is to end gun violence.

Sincerely,

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