

## **CONDOLENCE MOTION**

**Moved by: Councillor Ootes**

**Seconded by: Councillor Parker**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Gladys Ovenell on Friday, February 6, 2009.

Gladys was an outstanding volunteer, advocate and contributor to community life in East York.

Mrs. Ovenell accomplished a great deal during her incredible and inspiring life time. She was an active volunteer since the age of sixteen and her volunteer service to the community spans over 80 years. Among the most notable were her twenty-five years of volunteer service at: the Toronto East General Hospital, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Red Cross, the Ontario Senior Games Association, the Toronto East General Kiwanis and the East York Canada Day Celebration.

During her entire 99 years, Mrs. Ovenell exemplified what true volunteerism and community involvement is all about. She made outstanding contributions in the areas of fairness to seniors, access to health care and women's rights. Overall, she is a perfect example of giving back to the community. Gladys touched the lives of everyone who met her and she will be dearly missed.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to her children Brian (Betty) and Hugh (Gyda). Adoring Grandmother of Mary Anne (Steve) Arthur, Jim (Indira) Ovenell, Dave Ovenell, Shannon (Ken) Robertshaw and Great-Grandmother of Emily, Grace, Hunter, Briar, Justin, Luke, Nathan and Cole.

February 23, 2009