

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Gord Perks

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Layton

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Hilary Bell on September 2, 2011.

Hilary lived a great life with her family and appreciated the small things. She believed in small communities having a central role in people's lives and was involved in local initiatives all her life. After living with her parents in Ontario, Quebec, England and Scotland (her father was in the RCAF), she worked as a teacher before and after earning a BA in English Language and Literature from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario. For many years she was involved with volunteer work that took her to Kenya, Nigeria, England, Belgium, Malaysia, and the United States.

Upon her return to Canada, she worked as an editor, technical and business writer and consultant, for the latter part with her own business. Dedicated and determined, she often worked through the night to meet deadlines.

Some of the many community and neighborhood projects she was involved with include the West Bend Community Association, the Junction Business Improvement Area, Railside Cooperative Garden of Native Species, West Toronto Rail Path and the Metrolinx Dundas West - Bloor Mobility Hub. Hilary was tireless in her work in the neighbourhood. Hilary also led the fight for good development by working tirelessly on the Bloor Dundas Avenue Study. Hilary also helped craft the City's mid-rise guidelines and worked for beautiful community spaces such as the garden along the rail path and the garden along Edna Avenue. Hilary's opinion was asked for and valued by residents and by me.

Hilary was very well read and she was always well informed on current events and news about many different subjects. She had a keen interest in the arts, particularly in literature, film, architecture and live theatre. Her hobbies included reading, gardening, genealogy and Pilates.

Hilary will be missed.

The City Clerk is requested to convey on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council our sincere sympathy to the family of Hilary Bell.

September 21, 2011