



## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by:** Councillor Michael Thompson

**Seconded by:** Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Helen Marie Chambers on December 9, 2020, at the age of 91 years.

Helen was born in Huntsville, Ontario in 1929, and moved to Toronto at the age of 18. In Toronto, Helen met her future husband, Bill, a young Toronto Police Officer. The couple married in 1953, and five years later they moved to Applefield Drive, beginning a 62-year-long involvement in the Scarborough community. Bill and Helen, who became active leaders in the Scarborough Lions Club, were pivotal in creating a small town feel within their Birkdale neighbourhood, turning neighbours into friends, and friends into family.

After Bill's passing in 2011, Helen continued to demonstrate how nurturing a closely-knit community can be instrumental in ensuring that love and care is always available to those in need. Even in her late 80's, Helen prepared dinners for neighbours who were lonely or who had lost their interest in cooking. Each day, she checked in on her neighbours for a cheerful chat, often inviting them to visit her home. Helen was truly a quintessential community builder.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere gratitude to Helen Chamber's family for her contributions to her community and the City, and our deepest sympathy on her passing.

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