

***Expression of Condolence for
Margrit Eichler by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Layton

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Margrit Eichler on July 8, 2021.

Born in Berlin, in 1942, Margrit made Canada her home, where she helped significantly to advance the field of women's studies, as one of its early architects, from her academic postings at the University of Waterloo in 1971 before joining the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto in 1975. As a dynamic trailblazer, Margrit held a variety of roles throughout her career and from 1999-2003 she served as the first Director of the Women and Gender Studies Institute. Margrit was President of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women and President of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association. Her research themes and areas of interest include non-sexist research methods, new reproductive technologies, contemporary families, and related issues. Margrit has written and published extensively on these subjects, as well as authored a children's book, *Martin's Father*.

Margrit was known to her family and friends as intelligent, strong and kind. She cared deeply about her community and loved ones. Margrit was committed to social justice, inclusion and accessibility for everyone. She will be missed by her play-reading groups, her book club, her Oasis community, her intellectual family of academics and scholars across Canada and the world, her activist networks, such as Science for Peace, and Our Right to Know, and the McGill-Granby Village neighborhood association, where she served as the president.

Margrit will always be remembered and cherished by her loved ones and many have shared loving memories and condolences through Dignity Memorial. Please continue to share as these memories will keep Margrit eternally in our hearts.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincerest sympathy to Margrit's family, friends and loved ones who have lost a remarkable loved one.

July 15, 2021