

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor Rob Ford

Seconded by: Councillor Gary Crawford

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Doris McCarthy on November 25, 2010.

Ms. McCarthy showed a passion for the arts like no other. As an art history teacher, painter, sculptor and author, she travelled the world photographing and sketching landscapes for her students and created some of the country's most recognizable artwork. She also cared greatly for the members of the local art community, donating her home and an endowment for its maintenance to be used as an artist studio and sanctuary after her death.

Ms. McCarthy paved the way for female artists in Canada, becoming the first female president of the Ontario Society of Artists. She also received a number of significant honours including the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario, five honorary doctorates and an honorary fellowship to the Ontario College of Art and Design. In 2004, the University of Toronto opened the Doris McCarthy Gallery at its Scarborough campus.

Ms. McCarthy was a truly inspirational artist, leader and role model, and her contributions to our local art community will not be forgotten.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Doris McCarthy's family.

December 8, 2010