CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Chin Lee
Seconded by: Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Valerie Plunkett on April 11, 2011.

Valerie Plunkett was a dedicated and tireless community activist in the Scarborough area.

For many years, Valerie pursued her interest in community safety as the Co-Chair of the 42 Division Community Police Liaison Committee.

Valerie was fiercely proud of Scarborough and especially of her local Rosewood Community. She was a founding member of the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association in 1989 and served as its only President over these last 22 years.

Valerie, in many ways, was the heart and soul of the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association and indeed the Rosewood community. Valerie would go for daily walks with her dog, always taking a different route through the community. During those walks Valerie would make notes on potholes, broken fences, illegal driveways, uncut grass, litter in parks, or any other items that she felt were not in their proper place and report them to her local City Councillor; sometimes 30 items at a time.

On her daily walks through the community, Valerie would chat with school children and their parents, check in on other seniors, converse with local shop keepers, thank City workers for cutting the grass in the local parks, and generally keep an eye on the neighbourhood. If there was something going on in the local community, Valerie knew about it and was part of it.

Valerie Plunkett loved her Rosewood community, she loved Scarborough and she loved her neighbours. Rosewood, Scarborough and her neighbours were very lucky to have Valerie in their lives.

Valerie's energy and enthusiasm will be missed by the Rosewood Community and by all those who had the privilege to call her friend.

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

April 13, 2011