CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Pam McConnell
Seconded by: Councillor Ana Bailão

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Joan Campbell on Sunday, March 3, 2013.

Joan Campbell was a lifelong advocate of social justice and a dear friend to the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood. Her early education at Harvard and Oxford led to work in publishing in New York City. Later on, she earned a PhD from Queen's University and began an academic career in her field of European History, teaching at several Ontario universities. Her dedication to sharing learning led her to be an active member of the Academy for Lifelong Learning, a volunteer program of study groups for adults that provides self-directed peer learning.

Joan's concern for issues of security and justice for mid-life and older women led her to give her time to the Older Women's Network (Ontario). She served as a Director of the Provincial Council and Chair of the Housing Committee. She advocated for alternative models of housing for older women in particular, but also deeply believed that all orders of government should provide "housing, affordable to all."

Joan became a strong champion for the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood and served as a Director of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association. She worked on the Development Committee and helped shape the changes being brought by new developments. She supported change that helped continue the St. Lawrence legacy as a model mixed community. She was a proponent of sustainable development standards, architecture that respected the heritage character of the Old Town, and designs that gave families the opportunity to make a home downtown. She was also a strong advocate for improvements to the neighbourhood, most notably the St. Lawrence North Market Revitalization.

Joan supported her thoughtful contributions to action on equality and to her neighbourhood with a valiant determination that was only matched by her kindness and humility.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Joan Campbell's husband Dugal, her children Alister, Anna, Beverly and David, her eight grandchildren, and her brother Max.

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