

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Mary Fragedakis

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The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Donna Lynn McCallum, on May 29, 2013 at 69 years of age.

Donna-Lynn was known as a proud East Yorker, avid City Council watcher and prolific photographer of East York events.

Donna-Lynn was born, raised, and lived until her final days in her family's East York home. One of East York's proudest citizens, she actively fought amalgamation and continued to voice regret for the changes brought by the loss of the Borough's independence. She was a consistent supporter of all East York legacy events, personalities and traditions. Donna-Lynn worked tirelessly to maintain East York's presence in the larger City including a successful fight to increase the number of East York Councillors from two to three; rename Community Councils to include legacy municipalities, preserve the East York Civic Centre and its customer service counters, and add the East York logo to the Civic Centre signs.

A tireless City Council watcher, Donna-Lynn attended every Council meeting for the Borough of East York. Post-amalgamation she continued to watch every meeting; sometimes on TV, other times taking a taxi to City Hall to witness the meetings in person. Many Council Member offices from across the City and the political spectrum have received her calls during Council sessions with advice, critique and praise. She also paid close attention to Queen's Park and the work of the last mayor of East York, now MPP Michael Prue.

Donna-Lynn took it upon herself to capture all East York events on film. She was a prolific photographer who would personally pay to have her pictures printed. Thousands of images would then be distributed to elected officials or other public figures. She had just recently acquired a Facebook and Twitter account to more easily disseminate these images. Her photos create a legacy that will constitute a visual memory in the history of her beloved Borough.

With her East York lapel pin and East York Bulldog charm necklace, Donna-Lynn was an icon of the area. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Donna-Lynn McCallum's family and friends.

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