

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Josh Colle

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The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Anne Goodman on August 1, 2013.

Anne leaves her devoted and loving family, her husband, Michael John Wheeler, her mother, Sonia, her brother, David, and daughters Sandy (Richard), Susie (Nathan) and Vicki (Mauricio), and grandson, Hudson, along with family and many, many treasured colleagues and friends around the world.

Born November 29, 1950 in Johannesburg, Anne was the eldest daughter in a traditional Jewish family. Growing up in a privileged, white South African family during turbulent times in her homeland inspired Anne to commit herself to becoming a human rights activist and community peace builder.

Dr. Anne Goodman moved to Toronto in 1978 and committed her life both personally and professionally to social justice and building a culture of peace around the world, through fostering dialogue and community healing. Early in her career she worked as a research assistant for physicist and activist Dr. Ursula Franklin and the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace. She taught at OISE in the department of Adult Education and Community Development, directed a graduate certificate in Community Healing and Peacebuilding and was the Co-Director of the Transformative Learning Centre at OISE. Anne was the president and co-founder of InterChange: International Institute for Community-Based Peacebuilding.

Those who knew Anne describe her best by her commitment and ability to connect others. Anne asked people to connect their own personal stories with the stories of their communities at a systemic level, she recognized the importance of collaboration, sought in-person, face-to-face moments, and her legacy was the networks of people she built.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy and deepest respect to the family and friends of Dr. Anne Goodman.

October 8, 2013