

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor Rob Ford

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Anne Lazare Mirvish at the age of 94, widow of Ed Mirvish who died in 2007.

A Hamilton native, Anne was born in 1920 and was considered a special talent in the arts world. In 1939, she met her would-be husband, Edwin Mirvish, and went to the Royal Ontario Museum on their first date. They were married in 1941 and David, their only child, was born in 1944.

In 1941, they opened a store called Sport Bar where Anne played an integral part in its early success. The store which sold women's sportswear changed its name in 1944 to Anne & Eddie's. It rapidly expanded, taking over the store fronts of adjacent businesses at the corner of Bathurst and Bloor streets and became known in 1948 as Honest Ed's. It was Anne, whose deep passion for the arts pushed her husband to purchase the Royal Alexandra Theatre in 1962.

Her enthusiasm for the visual arts inspired and encouraged her son David's appreciation for contemporary art which led to the opening of the David Mirvish Gallery. It became part of the City's art scene in the sixties and seventies. Anne Mirvish will be greatly missed by her family and all those who had the privilege of knowing her.

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

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