

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Pam McConnell

Seconded by: Councillor Joe Cressy

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Janet Riley Howard on January 4, 2015.

Janet was born in New York City on January 23, 1940, and spent much of her young life there and on Shelter Island. She attended Syracuse University, Paris-Sorbonne University, and the University of Madrid. Her career path took her from Madrid to London and later to Toronto, where she owned and operated *The Shadow Cabinet* bookstore.

Janet served on City Council as Ward 7's Alderman for three terms (1974 – 1980). She chose not to run after 1980 and instead pursued a law degree at Osgoode Hall Law School. In 1985, she began a career as a criminal defense lawyer.

Always active in her community, Janet worked at the Dixon Hall Shelter and on the John Sewell/Karl Jaffary election committee, taught city politics at Innis College at the University of Toronto, joined the Toronto Historical Board, sought historical building preservation as a member of the Time and Place group, and served as president of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents.

As an Alderman, Janet worked with her colleagues to purchase the first City-owned non-profit housing properties, eventually known as Cityhome. These properties are now part of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation portfolio, and an important component of the City's affordable housing stock.

After her retirement from law, Janet maintained a home in Quebec City and in Rose Blanche, Newfoundland, where she made new friends and became an active part of the community.

Janet will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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

February 10, 2015