

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Jim Karygiannis

Seconded by: Councillor Chin Lee

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Elizabeth (Libby) Hancocks on February 13, 2015.

Elizabeth was a research genealogist with more than a half-century of experience. She first became interested in genealogy in 1962 as a result of an accidental excavation of a family cemetery during a construction project at Finch and Dufferin Avenues in northwest Toronto.

Elizabeth was a founding member of the first branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society in Toronto. She was a member of the National Genealogical Society of Washington, D.C., and held the position of Certified Genealogist for the Board for Certification of Genealogists in the United States – the first Canadian - indeed the first non-U.S. citizen to be certified by the organization.

The descendant of a Loyalist – William Casey of Rhode Island – she was interested in Loyalist lineages. Elizabeth was Branch Genealogist for the Governor Simcoe Branch, United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada (UELAC) in Toronto. For nearly a quarter of a century she served as the UELAC's Dominion Genealogist.

Elizabeth Hancocks was a published author and compiled the standard research map set of Ontario, one of a genealogist's most useful research tools.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the Hancocks family.

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