

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Pam McConnell

Seconded by: Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Barbara Turnbull on May 10, 2015.

Barbara was a loving aunt, generous friend and caring neighbour whose presence will be missed in the St Lawrence neighbourhood and across Toronto.

Beginning in 1993, Barbara Turnbull helped change the conversation about disability and accommodation from her position as a journalist at the Toronto Star. Through her writing, she demonstrated that even with quadriplegia, she could live independently, research deeply and advocate fiercely.

As an activist, Barbara worked to promote organ and tissue donation, the acceptance of medical marijuana, and the expansion of accessible spaces throughout Ontario. In 25 years, Ms. Turnbull raised \$1.9 million for spinal cord research and rehabilitation, established the annual Barbara Turnbull Award that grants \$50,000 to a Canadian spinal cord researcher and later helped found the Dr. Charles Tator – Barbara Turnbull Lectureship at the University of Toronto.

Amongst the honours she received in her lifetime, Barbara was the recipient of Honourary Doctorate of Laws from both the University of Toronto and York University and of a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

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

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