

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: **Councillor Sarah Doucette**

Seconded by: **Councillor Frances Nunziata**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to share the passing of Reverend Canon Derwyn Spencer Shea.

Reverend Shea's years of community involvement in Toronto include the founding of the Eastview Neighbourhood Association for latchkey youth and serving as the Chair of the City of Toronto Planning Board and O'Keefe Centre for the Performing Arts. He served as President of the Canadian National Exhibition and as a member of the Toronto Police Commission, the National Seniors Council and Toronto Hydro Commission as well as serving on a number of hospital boards including Toronto General, Princess Margaret and Runnymede Chronic Care Facility. Reverend Shea was also the founding Chair of the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians.

Derwyn's political career began in 1982 when he was elected Senior Alderman for Toronto's Ward 1. He was later elected as the Toronto Metropolitan Councilor for High Park-Swansea where he served as a member of the executive committee and chaired numerous committees. In 1995 he was elected MPP for High Park-Swansea and was a Parliamentary Assistant in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation. His many accolades and honours in recognition of his outstanding service at the local, provincial and national levels include receiving the Canada 125 medal and being awarded the Queen's Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee Medals.

In 2002, Derwyn was installed as a Canon in the Diocese of Toronto and on May 11th of this year was inducted as a Fellow of Wycliffe College (University of Toronto). As a testament to his faith and commitment to ministry, his estate includes bequests to the Diocese of Toronto to establish a fund for the assistance of parish clergy and to Wycliffe College to fund a Chair in Urban Ministry in memory of his late wife.

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

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