

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: **Councillor Mike Layton**

Seconded by: **Councillor Gord Perks**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Pamela Cuthbert on March 11, 2015.

Pamela Cuthbert was a well-respected journalist and the founder of Slow Food Toronto.

She was seen as an expert on food systems and sustainability in Canada, promoting the local procurement idea to chefs all over the country. Pamela's heartfelt efforts promoting Slow Food values have been essential to the development of the Slow Food movement in Toronto and in Canada as a whole.

A journalist and author, Pamela's columns on food issues were published in Maclean's, The Globe and Mail and Toronto Star as well as internationally. She was honoured with The Ontario Hostelry Institute Fellow Award.

Pamela took a real interest in the fertile food movement in Canada and elsewhere. She was always curious and had a nose for news and was able to write about her subjects eloquently and with passion. Through her stories, she provided a public platform for the efforts of chefs, farmers, foragers and food suppliers who collectively have raised the level of culinary arts in this City and beyond. She celebrated the craft, the ingenuity and daring that drives a local food movement.

Pamela wrote about food issues as few others have including the disappearance of local slaughterhouses across Canada and the ramifications for our meat supply, about reviving Ontario chestnuts, and about people who work with leaf lard or wild yeast - and gave them national profile.

By connecting the dots, she surveyed industry, agriculture and government and championed individuals' efforts against the forces of a global food industry to expand culinary offerings and maintain authentic food traditions. How food arrives on our plates was just as important as taste to Pamela.

Left to keep Pamela's memory are the members of her devoted family: her husband, Paul French and their young son, Dylan, who has brought so much joy into their lives.

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

September 30, 2015