

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Jim Karygiannis

Seconded by: Councillor Jaye Robinson

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ms. Kathryn Gooch on April 7, 2016.

Kathryn, known to everyone as Kathy, died suddenly at the age of 61. Kathy was predeceased by her cherished parents Reverend Canon Francis Gooch and Bernice Gooch.

Kathy, spelled with a “K”, leaves behind to cherish her memory her brother, David Nelson Gooch, his wife, Cathy, spelled with a “C”, and nieces, Megan and Erin of Winnipeg and her brother, Peter Francis Gooch, of Toronto. Kathy also leaves behind a legion of friends and co-workers who will miss her sunny smile, her compassion and her genuine interest in their lives and the lives of their families.

Kathy was born in Petawawa, Ontario on December 31st, which was always celebrated as Kathy’s birthday and not the other holiday. Preachers are often transferred, so being a PK (preacher’s kid), Kathy grew up in Deep River, Bearbrook, North Gower and Ottawa.

Tiring of the Ottawa Valley, Kathy moved to Toronto and became a proud graduate of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, obtaining her degree in Radio/Television Arts. Kathy began her professional career as a journalist with CKSO Radio/Television and as a producer for CBC Radio in Sudbury.

Upon hearing that a Sudbury City Councillor was running for a seat in the Provincial Legislature, Kathy called him and said “Is there anything I can do?” Those fateful words changed her life forever.

For more than 25 years, Kathy served the people of Ontario as a Senior Political Staffer; first to the Liberal Member of the Provincial Parliament for Sudbury, then to the Liberal Member of Parliament for Scarborough-Agincourt and latterly, to the City of Toronto Councillor for Ward 39, Scarborough-Agincourt.

Kathy had many outside interests: she was an avid reader and her collection of books rivaled that of a small library. Kathy also loved to travel and saw many beautiful, interesting and enriching places around the world.

Kathy was proud of her family and was actively documenting and writing the Gooch/Baird family history.

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

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