

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: **Councillor Sarah Doucette**

Seconded by: **Councillor Mike Layton**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to share the passing of Doreen Hayes on March 26, 2016.

Doreen Hayes dedicated her life to the art of dance. Doreen was a single mother with two small children when she started “The Doreen Hayes School of Dance” in 1956. That year she welcomed eighty-five students into her dining room where she taught tap, jazz, ballet, and baton. Doreen moved to Bloor West Village in 1957 to a small one room studio, and was the only teacher for the first five years.

During the 1960's and 70's Doreen performed in a popular lounge act and trio called “Doreen Hayes and her 44's!” Doreen was a frequent headliner on the Airport Strip at the Woodbine Room in the Constellation Hotel, the Hook & Ladder Club at the Beverly Hills Hotel and the Black Knight Room at the Royal York Hotel.

Doreen continued to work diligently, managing the school with the help of her four teachers up to her final year. Her dedication to dance, and her inspiration to women entrepreneurs will continue to be felt in the Bloor West Village community and across the City.

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

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