

## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Aileen Benn on May 30, 2016 three weeks after her 99th birthday.

Mrs. Benn was born in Georgetown, British Guiana in May of 1917. She came to Canada in 1964, and spent her working career as a dietician at St. Michael's Hospital. She was an active member of the BME Christ Church and the Milne House Garden Club, where her gardening talents won her many prizes. She regularly dedicated many hours to volunteer work in her church and in the community.

Widowed in 1995 with the passing of her beloved husband and gardening partner Andrew, Mrs. Benn subsequently gained local media attention when in attempting to rectify a raccoon infestation on her property she was victimized by a fraudster preying on the elderly who took her money and disappeared. She was rescued by The Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, Local 51 and AAA Gates Wildlife Control who removed the raccoons and repaired the damage to her home at no charge.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our deepest respect and gratitude for Mrs. Benn's long, fruitful and generous life, and our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Benn's three children, Tessa, Michael and Orrin, and to Mrs. Benn's six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren on her passing.

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