

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell on Friday, July 7, 2017.

Pam was a friend, a wife, a mother, and a grandmother.

She was a strong defender of Toronto and she proudly served her city and the people of Toronto for more than 35 years.

First elected as a school trustee in 1982, Pam was well known as an advocate for children living in poverty.

She was elected to City Council in 1994, where she continued her advocacy for children and people living in poverty. She oversaw the opening of the Wellesley Community Centre, the first community centre in Toronto since amalgamation. She also oversaw the revitalization of Regent Park and that flourishing community is now a proud legacy she has left for this City.

Pam served as the Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board where she worked to bring community policing back to the City's neighbourhoods. And she represented Toronto at the Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities where she encouraged and supported women seeking municipal office.

In 2014, Pam was named Deputy Mayor, responsible for leading Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy. The strategy she helped to craft will ensure more people prosper, more families are supported and more children have opportunities here in Toronto. In her work on this important file, she always worked to find common ground and consensus among her colleagues.

Pam will be missed greatly by her Council colleagues, City staff and the community she served with integrity and passion. Toronto is a better and fairer city thanks to Pam's service and advocacy.

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

October 2, 2017