



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Ann Ireland on August 23, 2018.

After receiving her B.F.A. in creative writing from the University of British Columbia in 1976, Toronto writer Ann Ireland authored five novels, numerous short stories, and was published in magazines, journals, and anthologies nationally and internationally.

Ann was best known for her Seal First Novel award-winning 1985 book, *A Certain Mr. Takahashi* which became the inspiration for a 1991 movie, *The Pianist*. In 1996 she published *The Instructor* which was shortlisted for the Trillium Book Award. She followed that with *Exile* in 2002 which was shortlisted for both the Governor General's literary prize and the Rogers Writers' Trust fiction prize. Her last two books were 2013's *The Blue Guitar* and *Where's Bob?* published shortly before her death.

She helped countless students find their voices and harness their creativity in her position as a much revered writing instructor and coordinator of the Writing Workshops Department at the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education at Ryerson University. For the past 26 years, Ann was known as a stalwart champion of both faculty and students, always figuring out the best academic solutions for everyone. Her exquisite talent and craftsmanship will be carried on through the work of her students for decades to come.

Ann was the past president of PEN Canada and also served on the National Council of the Writers' Union of Canada and the Authors' Committee of the Writers' Trust of Canada. She acted as Writer in Residence at the North York Public Library, the Windsor Public Library, Trent University and the Metro Reference Library in Toronto and was a Contributing Editor at *Numéro Cinq* magazine.

Toronto and Canada have lost a talented story teller, teacher and arts advocate. Her family has lost a loving wife, mother, daughter and sister.

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

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