

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Shelley Carroll

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Esther Cutler on November 16, 2019.

A genuine local hero from the Brian Village community, Esther Cutler was the longtime president of the Pleasant View Community Recreation Committee. Esther started the Committee almost 40 years ago with a dedicated group of Brian-area moms when they realized their small children were lacking after-school recreation programs in their otherwise perfect new neighbourhood nestled between the new Highway 404 and Victoria Park Boulevard. Today, the program serves children and adults using schools and Pleasant View Community Centre almost every night and weekend.

Esther didn't suffer fools gladly and she never missed an annual visit to tell the local Councillor of the day what the City could do better to facilitate her large, entirely volunteer-run group in running their own robust recreation program. Esther put her money where her mouth was: she never complained from the comfort of a sofa but rather, with her sleeves rolled up Esther gave her all whenever she wasn't at her full time job or raising three fantastic kids or spoiling 5 beautiful grandkids.

With Esther at the helm, the Pleasant View Community Recreation Committee survived a battle with the City of North York to make sure a new Bocce Court would also become a community centre for all. They survived amalgamation even after other local programs were 'harmonized' out of existence. Esther shepherded the organization through it all.

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

November 26, 2019