

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Diane Ford on January 5, 2020, at the age of 85.

Mrs. Ford was the wife of the late entrepreneur and Ontario MPP Douglas Bruce Ford, mother of current Ontario Premier Doug Ford and late Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, and grandmother of current City Councillor Michael Ford.

Born Ruth Diane Campbell on October 6, 1934 in North York, she married Doug Ford Sr. in 1956. When her husband launched printing firm Deco Adhesive Products in 1962, she applied her accounting skills to manage the company's finances and support the company's growth.

Matriarch of a tight-knit family which encompasses three sons, one daughter and 10 grandchildren, Mrs. Ford was known as the "rock" of her family, standing resolutely behind her children through often turbulent times.

Mrs. Ford supported a wide range of charities, including Easter Seals and the Rotary Club of Etobicoke, and numerous local causes, including funding the creation of Douglas Ford Park.

The City Clerk is requested to convey to Diane Ford's family, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere gratitude for her contributions to the City of Toronto and its neighbourhoods, and our deepest sympathy on her passing.

January 29, 2020