

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Mike Colle

Seconded by: Councillor Ana Bailão

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Lorna Rosenstein on April 21, 2020.

Lorna began teaching school children in Montreal and switched gears into the tech industry, eventually working her way to becoming President of Lotus Technologies Canada. Lorna was a mentor to many who followed in her footsteps and spoke as a "Woman of Influence" across the country.

Throughout her successful career, Lorna's commitment to volunteerism and passion for community was evident. Faced with cancer and Retinitis Pigmentosa causing degenerative vision loss, Lorna's determination did not let these hardships hold her back. What others would have viewed as challenges, for Lorna, these became opportunities to provide support for others facing these diagnoses.

Lorna identified the critical need for a community for cancer patients, co-Founding Gilda's Club Toronto which has provided essential support and education for countless other patients and their family and friends. Lorna also served on the Board of Directors of Foundation Fighting Blindness (now Fighting Blindness Canada), assisting with the planning of Cycle for Sight, an annual cycling race fundraiser, and speaking as the key-note at the Foundation's Vision Quest Conferences offering support and education to individuals living with an eye disease. Lorna represented Canada as a board member of Retina International.

In 2018, Lorna's contributions to our City were recognized as she was made a recipient of the Volunteer Toronto Legacy Award.

Lorna's story is one of inspiration, illustrative of the great achievements that are possible in the face of hardship. Lorna will be deeply missed by the City of Toronto.

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

April 30, 2020