



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Joe Cressy

Seconded by: Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Connie Yang on June 14, 2020.

Connie was a community champion for the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association and the Older Women's Network. She will be dearly missed.

Born in Shanghai, China, in 1930, Connie came to Canada with her family during the 1967 Centennial. She developed a tremendous pride for her adopted country.

Connie's strong volunteerism was ignited at Princess Margaret Hospital in appreciation for the help that she received during her husband's illness. While consoling, befriending, and counseling other cancer patients, she found her experiences at the hospital to be deeply fulfilling. This deep sense of fulfillment motivated her to expand her efforts to social issues and injustices within her community.

Connie became an active member of the Older Women's Network, the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association, and other groups to help improve her community by championing many causes for the St. Lawrence Market area. Some lasting impressions of Connie from her peers and friends such as Deputy Mayor Pam McConnell were that she was "a force to be reckoned with" and "a true Canadian".

While helping organize Canada Day celebrations, Connie brought community together to celebrate our shared experience, and to strive for a better neighbourhood and City. Her advocacy for seniors' issues and new supports was always gentle but tenacious.

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

June 29, 2020