



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the unexpected passing of Denise L. Graham July 9, 2020 after a brief battle with cancer.

Denise had a long and distinguished career as a public servant with 33 years as a Planner working for the City of Toronto and then after retirement serving on the Committee of Adjustment since 2015, as well as other initiatives.

Denise was one of the first graduates of the Ryerson Applied Geography program at Ryerson University in 1978. After summer jobs with the City of Toronto Planning Department, Denise was hired as a City Planner in 1978 beginning a long and distinguished career as a public servant.

Denise started in the Zoning and Official Plan section then transferred to Community Planning where she worked in the site offices in various parts of the City and then at City Hall. She enjoyed working with resident associations, business improvement associations, and many City Councillors including Derwyn Shea, Anne Johnston, Kay Gardner, Jack Layton and Paula Fletcher.

Denise was considered an expert in her field by colleagues in both the public and private sector and appeared as an expert witness for the City at major Ontario Municipal Board hearings most notably the new Bridgepoint Hospital (former Riverdale Hospital), Toronto Community Housing Corporation's first revitalization project at Don Mount Court (now Rivertowne) and the preservation of the South of Eastern employment lands.

Denise mentored many staff and was a kind, caring and wise advisor as well as a leader and ground breaker for women in a predominately male dominated field.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to her husband, son, siblings and other members of her family.

July 28, 2020