

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Layton
Councillor Mike Colle**

The Mayor and Members of Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of former City of Toronto and Metropolitan Toronto Councillor Ila Bossons on November 30, 2020.

Ila Bossons was raised in Germany and Switzerland, moving to Toronto in the 1960s with her husband John. Both became activists who sought to ensure that the booming growth in the City was managed in a carefully and thought out way. Ila soon became known for being passionate about causes that were close to her heart.

Ila entered politics in the 1989 Metropolitan Toronto Municipal Election, winning the Midtown riding as a reformer who unseated the established incumbent.

Ila served three terms on Metropolitan Toronto Council until 1997. She also served on Toronto City Council from 1998-2000 as the Councillor for Ward 23 – Midtown, working with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to protect ravines and pushing for the Province to let Toronto use red-light cameras. She served on the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's Board of Directors from 1989-2003.

Ila Bossons was an early champion of empowering municipalities, urging the Provincial and Federal governments to provide policies that were good for cities. Ila was also an environmentalist who championed recycling and alternatives to cars, such commuting on public transit or on bikes.

After her work in politics, Ila became a well-known and dedicated member of her community, organizing allotment gardeners, co-ordinating community cleanups and helping to raise \$80,000 with matching City funds, to turn an abandoned playground into a community garden.

Ila enjoyed being an engaged member of her neighbourhood and her City and treasured quality time with her husband of 56 years, John and their son Miles.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Ila's husband John, son Miles, family, friends and colleagues.

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