

***Expression of Condolence for
Nicholas Brooks by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Layton

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Nicholas Brooks on October 1, 2021.

Nicholas was an award-winning veteran of Toronto's film community. He was also an activist and a literal ground-breaker in the development of Toronto's community garden and green scene. Nicholas was a leader in the fight against a massive Toronto Transit Commission parking lot project at the Greenwood Yards, and was involved in negotiations that saw the Commission turn its green space into a public park with one of the city's largest off-leash dog parks.

During his tenure as Chair of his neighbourhood residents' association, Nicholas and his beloved wife Kathryn oversaw the creation of a community garden and fruit orchard at the foot of the East End's Oakvale Avenue - a green initiative that this year contributed more than 200 pounds of apples to food distribution services. Over the years, Nicholas advised other community groups on starting their own public gardens.

A colourful individual, immediately recognizable by his dyed beard, shorts and fondness for the colour red, Nicholas was politically active, and ran for Toronto Mayor in 2006.

Nicholas is deeply missed by his friends, neighbours and colleagues, and especially by his sister, nieces, great nieces and great nephews in England where he was born. He was predeceased by Kathryn, who worked with him establishing Oakvale Green. His and Kathryn's home was a social gathering place, open to friends and neighbours.

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

October 4, 2021