

***Expression of Condolence for
Robyn Israel by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Jaye Robinson

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Robyn Israel on October 20, 2021.

Robyn was born and raised in Nova Scotia where she attended St. Mary's University and graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Shortly after her graduation, Robyn moved to Toronto where she worked for 20 years in the group benefits industry with companies such as Mercer Consulting, GreenShield Canada and Empire Life.

After her successful career in the group benefits industry, Robyn realized her true passion: community involvement and leadership. Her engagement in the community continued to grow as she raised her children in central Leaside. Robyn dedicated many years to community service and volunteering, and particularly loved her role in the South Leaside Monday Group.

Robyn's contributions took on many forms in the community. She served as the Chair of the Bessborough Home and School Association, Administrative Director and Board member of the Leaside Baseball Association, and was a major contributor to GRIT Athletics – a sports training facility in Leaside. To honour her legacy, the Leaside Baseball Association will be creating a Volunteer of the Year award in Robyn's name.

One of Robyn's most memorable contributions to the Leaside community was the hundreds of hours she spent reinventing the children's summer baseball camp at Howard Talbot Park. During the summer months, Robyn could often be found at the camp passing out lunches, attending to bee stings and bruises, and making sure all the campers were wearing sunscreen. Her nurturing and supportive presence on the field will truly be missed.

Robyn will be remembered as an intelligent, caring, and compassionate community member by everyone in Leaside. Her passing is a great loss for the community, but her involvement in the neighbourhood will be cherished and celebrated for years to come.

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

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