

***Expression of Condolence for
Michael Goldrick by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Joe Cressy

Seconded by: Councillor Ana Bailão

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of former Toronto Alderman Michael Goldrick on December 4, 2021.

Michael was a principled and caring teacher, workers' advocate, and committed social justice activist. He ran for office and won in Ward 3, a largely working-class area, in the famous 1972 election of the "reform council". Michael's work focused on countering the interests of big developers and ensuring the City was a place for everyone.

Michael's public legacy includes his recognition as the prime author of the City's new housing policy. As Alderman, he prioritized building social housing and providing neighbourhood services. Michael initiated a project to secure a public land bank to create dedicated space for affordable housing. This advocacy was the catalyst for the St. Lawrence development - the largest single redevelopment site in the centre of any North American city in the 20th century.

In retirement, Michael's tenacity and passion for ensuring everyone had access to public space continued. Facing opposition from wealthy landowners, Michael helped ensure everyone, regardless of wealth, had access to the ocean and cliffs on Saturna Island.

Michael is dearly missed by his wife Marjorie Griffin Cohen, his sons Chris Darcy Goldrick (Emmanuelle Latraverse) and Tim Darcy Goldrick (Kayla), stepson Sam Cohen (Nikki Marks), stepdaughter Sophie Cohen (Brian Ptashnik), grandchildren Catherine-Anne Goldrick, David Goldrick, Zane Darcy Goldrick, Devlin Ptashnik, Sukey Ptashnik, Zoe Cohen, Clara Goldrick, Talia Cohen, and former wife Penny Goldrick, nieces Amanda Goldrick-Jones, Gabrielle Jones, Cynthia Johnston and nephew Jamie Jones.

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

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