

Expression of Condolence for Joan King by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Shelley Carroll

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Joan King former councillor and school trustee in Toronto, who passed away on January 27 at the age of 80.

Joan King represented voters in North York as a school trustee and City Councillor for the former City of North York, on Metropolitan Toronto Council and for the newly amalgamated Toronto. Her career in politics spanned two decades.

Joan was one of the women leaders on Council and was a true champion of environmental issues like the diversion of solid waste, recycling and the use of biodegradable garbage bags.

Joan was first elected to the North York Board of Education. She served two terms before joining North York Council in 1985. Three years later Joan moved to Metropolitan Toronto Council where she served until she moved to the amalgamated City of Toronto Council. Joan left politics in 2000 and set up a consulting company and worked with an environmental engineering firm.

Joan provided mentorship to a new generation of women politicians. She also remained active in her community and was a guiding force for the Bayview Village Association. Joan organized a group to support Syrian refugees and also enjoyed golf, canoeing, skiing and curling and best of all, her seven grandchildren.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Joan's husband William and her sons Bill Jr. and Nelson, her four siblings and her seven grandchildren. She will be missed.

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