

Expression of Condolence for Kamalambikai Kandasamy by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Kamalambikai Kandasamy of Scarborough.

Mrs. Kandasamy was a beloved member of the Tamil community, respected for her leadership, advocacy, and unwavering courage.

Mrs. Kandasamy came to Canada after surviving the genocide in Sri Lanka and working to support the health and safety of her community. From 1969 to 2009, she was a pharmacist in Sri Lanka, until the hospital she worked in was destroyed by bombing. Later in 2009, Mrs. Kandasamy's son, Thivakaran, lost his life and she was taken to an internment camp until she was able to gain release and eventually come to Canada aboard the MV Sun Sea.

In Canada, Mrs. Kandasamy continued to advocate for justice and accountability in Sri Lanka. In addition to speaking with various Canadian and world leaders, Mrs. Kandasamy stood before the United Nations Human Rights Council and bravely shared her story.

Mrs Kandasamy's commitment to the Tamil community will be deeply missed and long remembered. She is survived by her daughter, Vathany Victor, and granddaughter, Jennifer Victor.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Kandasamy's family. Our thoughts and condolences are with her family and all who were impacted by her brave and inspirational work.

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