Expression of Condolence for Janette O'Hagan 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 Janette O'Hagan on February 10, 2022.

For more than a quarter century, Janette was a tireless advocate of good food and a generous friend to the members of her broad east-end Toronto community.

Janet dedicated some 25 years to volunteer work with East End Community Health Centre, first as a board member and later as an advocate of their critical food-security programs. She coordinated the Good Food Box program there, serving more than 60 people in some months. She celebrated special occasions with a candy box, which was typical of her upbeat and thoughtful nature.

Janette also became involved with Ashbridges Eco Community Garden. With her friends Rita and Suzanne, she was among the first community members to join the garden and continued to be committed to it even after she moved to Scarborough to care for her mother.

Taking on the role of volunteer garden coordinator in 2009, Janette led a process of streamlining policies for garden members. She served as co-ordinator until 2019 and continued her volunteer work until 2020. Every garden member knew spring had arrived when they received one of her chatty phone calls to let them know it was time for a garden clean-up.

Janette never failed to make everyone feel welcomed, and she will be dearly missed by her mother, Helen Guspodarchuk, her sister, Shirley Reynolds, and many other family members and friends.

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