

***Expression of Condolence for
Donald (Don) Adams by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Councillor Shelley Carroll

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Donald (Don) Adams on July 30, 2022, at Michael Garron Hospital.

Don was born in Winnipeg on March 9, 1942 to Herbert Roberts Adams and Lorraine Gladys Skipwith. An only child, Don moved with his family to Calgary and Montreal, settling eventually in Etobicoke.

Working in the advertising world in his 20s, Don moved to the Toronto Annex and started to dabble in television via commercials. He transitioned into public TV in 1978 at what was then Metro Cable and would become a Rogers Community Access station. Don produced many wonderful programs such as a 1978 segment on the Leslie Spit.

Don left community television in the late 1990s and began a new career at the CBC Museum. His knowledge of local television and Canadian broadcasting along with his graphic design and staging skills combined to mount fascinating exhibits.

Don retired in 2007 and set about improving his local community with many different projects: painting the fences to commemorate jazz music in the alley below Monarch Park School and along the train tracks, documenting changes in the City landscape and sharing wonderful photos with his circle, and even simply tending a beautiful garden at home. One of his most recent triumphs was seeing the Fairford Avenue Parkette introduced at the corner of Coxwell and Gerrard.

Don was dear to his many friends, colleagues and neighbours. He was known for his wit, wisdom, photography, knowledge of public broadcasting and love of his local East York community. His observations, rich friendships and passion for civic life will be missed and remembered fondly.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Don Adams' community, friends and family.

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