

## ***Expression of Condolence for Cynthia Lai by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Mayor John Tory**

**Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the late Councillor Cynthia Lai, who passed away on October 21, 2022 at the age of 68.

Cynthia Lai immigrated to Canada from Hong Kong in the 1970s, settling in Toronto. Prior to being elected as a City Councillor, she had a successful career as a realtor, becoming the first Chinese-Canadian woman to be elected as President of the Toronto Real Estate Board.

In 2018, Cynthia Lai was elected to Toronto City Council, representing the residents of Ward 23 Scarborough North. She served on many City boards and committees including as Vice-Chair of both the Scarborough Community Council and Civic Appointments Committee. She also served on the Budget Committee, the Economic and Community Development Committee and was a Commissioner of the Toronto Transit Commission. In addition, Cynthia served as the Mayor's designate on the Toronto Zoo Board of Management and also served on the Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Cynthia was a dedicated community leader committed to addressing issues within her local constituency as well as across the city. As a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors, she participated in standing committees concentrated on dealing with issues such as anti-racism and equity, international relations and advancing civic engagement by increasing women's participation in municipal government.

Cynthia will be remembered as a warm and cheerful presence on City Council, whose professionalism and commitment to residents defined her career as a representative of her Ward.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Cynthia's husband, C.K. Fung; sons, Derrick and Darren Fung and their families; brother, Rev. Johann Lai; the residents of Ward 23, and her many friends and associates. She will be missed.

November 24, 2022