

***Expression of Condolence for  
Helen Ainslie by Toronto City Council***

**Moved By: Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie**

**Seconded By: Councillor Nick Mantas**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Helen Ainslie (nee Coffey) on June 15, 2023, at the age of 90.

Helen was the beloved wife of Bill for nearly 40 years. He predeceased her in 2004. She and her husband proudly lived and raised their family in Scarborough, moving to a newly built home in 1966. She will be remembered as the loving mother of City Councillor Paul Ainslie and Mark Ainslie (deceased). She had a special relationship with her daughter-in-law, Janet. She will always be remembered as a beloved grandmother to James, Kathleen, and Thomas.

Helen instilled a strong sense of civic and community duty in her family, leading by example, in being involved in fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society, The Roman Catholic Church, the Salvation Army, and the Terry Fox Foundation—to name a few charities that were dear to her heart.

Helen was a founding member of the St. Boniface Bridge Club and the senior member of the City of Toronto's Recreational Osteo-Fit for Seniors. She was also an active member of the St. Martin de Porres Roman Catholic Church community, in the MAD Group (West Rouge) Seniors Walking/Lunch Club, the Guildwood Branch (Toronto Public Library) Seniors' Book Club, and the Guildwood Probus Club.

Helen's priority was always loving and cherishing her family, which she displayed at every chance she was given. Helen's legacy will live on through her family, friends and many loved ones.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Helen's son, Paul (Janet), her grandchildren, James, Kathleen, and Thomas, as well as the many friends whose lives she touched.

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