

***Expression of Condolence for
Elizabeth Eayrs by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Elizabeth Eayrs (née Lofft), former City of Toronto Alderman and City Councillor, who passed away on June 10, 2023, at the age of 96.

Elizabeth was born and raised in Toronto where she attended Havergal College. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in history from Trinity College at the University of Toronto. She also served as head of the women's college, St. Hilda's. She later earned a Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Western Ontario.

Elizabeth was first elected to Toronto City Council in 1972, representing Ward 1 - Swansea and Bloor West Village. She served on City Council for three consecutive terms from January 1973 to December 1978 and also served on Metro Toronto Council. While in elected office, she championed Toronto Island residences and the preservation of Union Station while giving a voice to those who opposed plans for a Spadina Expressway.

Prior to her career in elected office, Elizabeth served as President of the Swansea Ratepayers Association and Vice-Chair of the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations. In her later years, she founded the Tinnitus Association of Canada and was known to be a dedicated volunteer in her community.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Elizabeth's children, Jonathan, Betsy, Emily, and Susanna; their families; her grandchildren, Adam, Daniel, Miles, Alex, Sylvia and Edith; as well all those whose lives she touched.

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