

***Expression of Condolence for
Kissoondai (Diane) Rajaram by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Gord Perks

Seconded by: Councillor Alejandra Bravo

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Kissoondai (Diane) Rajaram on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

Diane was an active member of the Parkdale community where she lived for over forty years.

Diane's community involvement started as a volunteer of the Safe Arrivals Program at Dr. Rita Cox - Kina Minagok Public School and grew to include serving on the Board of Parkdale Community Legal Services. She was a member of, and for a time took on the title of President, Parkdale Tenants Association, and was actively involved with the Parkdale-High Park New Democratic Party.

Diane's passion was a constant source of inspiration for the community.

Diane participated in numerous campaigns to address issues around tenant rights, employee wages, refugee status and the rights of psychiatric survivors. Diane was often the first point of contact for neighbours in crisis.

Diane was employed for many years as a Personal Support Worker assisting seniors to remain independent in their homes.

Diane's proudest role was being mother to Nadia, whom she raised to be a champion for social justice.

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

October 11, 2023