Expression of Condolence for Norma McKenzie by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

Seconded by: Councillor Paul Ainslie

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Norma McKenzie on November 7, 2023, at the age of 83.

Norma was born in Springfield, Jamaica in 1940, and moved to England in the 1960s to pursue her education in nursing. She moved to Canada at the age of 27 to begin her vocation as a Registered Nurse at Scarborough General Hospital, working multiple shifts to provide for her family.

She served as president of the Mid-Scarborough Community Association and was known throughout Scarborough for her sage advice, her frequent volunteerism in the local community, and her generosity. She had a reputation for being someone who was always willing to help people in need.

Norma will be remembered for her enthusiastic support of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Blue Jays, particularly at the height of their glory days, when they captured the Stanley Cup and World Series championships, respectively. She was also known for her love of travelling but no matter where she travelled, Scarborough was always home for Norma.

She leaves behind a legacy as a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and dedicated community advocate, who was anchored by her strong sense of faith.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Norma's son, Councillor Michael Thompson; as well as her children, Sandra, Collin, Mark, and Andrew; her 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings; and the many friends whose lives she impacted.