

***Expression of Condolence for
Jaye Robinson by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

Seconded by: Councillor Frances Nunziata

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the late Councillor Jaye Robinson on May 16, 2024, at the age of 61.

Councillor Robinson devoted her life to her city and to community-building. She was first elected to Toronto City Council in 2010, representing Don Valley West, and was re-elected in 2014, 2018 and 2022.

As a Member of Council, Jaye Robinson served on North York Community Council and was Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission Board from 2018 to 2022. In addition, she served as Vice-Chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee, and also served on the Executive Committee, Planning and Housing Committee, Striking Committee, Employee and Labour Relations Committee, as well as many other committees. She was also appointed to the Toronto Hydro Corporation.

Councillor Robinson was a member of several boards including the Art Gallery of Ontario; Toronto Symphony Orchestra; Canadian Film Centre; Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena; and the Toronto Film, Television and Digital Media Board.

Prior to being elected as a Member of Toronto City Council, Jaye Robinson worked as a manager for over twenty years, starting with the City of North York, and then the City of Toronto's Economic Development and Culture Division. She had a unique and creative approach to community-building and was instrumental in advancing both public art and the City's diverse restaurant industry. She helped develop and launch some of Toronto's most cherished arts and culture festivals, including Nuit Blanche, Summerlicious and Winterlicious.

Councillor Robinson was deeply committed to addressing the needs of the Don Valley West community, which she represented for over a decade. She leaves behind a legacy as a champion of parks and green space, resident and public safety, accessibility, transparency, and the arts.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Jaye Robinson's husband Billy Crossland and their sons Jake, Sam and Will, her family, the residents of Don Valley West, and her many friends and associates. She will be missed.

May 22, 2024