

## *Expression of Condolence for Diana McStay by Toronto City Council*

**Moved by: Councillor Brad Bradford**

**Seconded by: Councillor Rachel Chernos-Lin**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Diana McStay on November 18, 2024, at the age of 81. A beloved wife, mother, teacher, sister, and Grandmother Supreme, her life was a testament to enthusiasm, education, and unconditional love.

Born on June 21, 1943, in Flin Flon, Manitoba, Diana moved to Toronto at age seven. The City was a safe haven for her and it was here that she discovered a passion for teaching. She graduated from Teachers' College at 20, and later in life with a growing family, Diana went back to school, attending York University to achieve a degree in Womens' Studies and Literature.

For over 45 years, Diana dedicated herself to education. Roden Public School, Beverley School, Frankland Community School, Sunny View Public School and Bloorview School were some of the institutions where she taught at various levels. She is remembered as an inspirational educator who went far beyond the basics, believing in the potential of every child she taught. Her classrooms were a place of warmth, and she fostered a joy for learning and curiosity.

Diana was an iconic grandmother. To her grandchildren Simone, Sophia, Henry, Piper and Sawyer, she was not just Granny, but a confidante, tutor, and friend. She delighted in making pancakes, reading books, inventing crazy new games, decorating for holidays and special occasions and even turning home-schooling during lockdown into a memorable adventure.

Diane treasured her friends, never letting distance or time diminish her connections, and spent hours on the phone sharing the latest news.

Diana leaves behind a legacy of love, limitless passion, and creativity, a legacy that will live on in her grandchildren and generations to come.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Diana's husband Edward of 57 years, her children

Sean, Siobhan, and Sharlanne, grandchildren Simone, Sofia, Henry, Piper, and Sawyer, her sister Faye, and her mother Rose.

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