

Expression of Condolence for Marg Gillespie by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Brad Bradford

Seconded by: Councillor James Pasternak

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Marg Gillespie on March 18, 2025, at the age of 65. A beloved mother, sister, aunt, daughter, grandmother, and friend, Marg was a woman of many talents and passions.

Born on March 2, 1960, in Etobicoke, she grew up in Mississauga and later pursued her passion for caregiving by studying Nursing at George Brown College. Her dedication to helping others led her to a career in healthcare, where she made lasting contributions in adolescent psychiatry at SickKids Hospital and later in pharmaceutical sales, connecting people with the vital care they needed.

Marg was a long-time Beach resident and former Chair of The Beach BIA, to which she dedicated countless hours supporting local businesses. She was also the former business owner of Kids at Home, a children's furniture store that became a treasured piece of the community on Queen Street East. She played a key role in the restoration of Ivan Forrest Gardens and Kew Gardens, as well as securing the \$500,000 grant for the GLOW project, demonstrating her passion and dedication to the community. Marg also led the expansion of The Beach BIA through to Coxwell to serve the full business community.

As a single parent and an independent spirit, Marg was intense, strong-willed, and determined. She was adventurous and loved to travel, cared deeply about people, and had legendary culinary talents. Her characteristic passion and resilience also defined her 18-year battle with cancer. She faced it head-on, refusing to back down, and she will be profoundly missed.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Marg's mother Irene, her siblings Susan (Jay) and Rob (Charlotte), her daughter Teigan (Caleb), her nieces and nephews, Avery, Paige, Sophie (Mark), Sam and Matt, and her grandson Ellis

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