

***Expression of Condolence for Abra Shiner
by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Alejandra Bravo

Seconded by: Mayor Olivia Chow

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Abra Shiner, who passed away from cancer on July 10, 2025.

Abra Shiner was a pillar of the Dundas West community who founded Swan Dive, a bar in Little Portugal, nearly a decade ago. For close to thirty years, she was a fixture in the west-end bar and music scene and was steadfast in her support of artists, progressive causes, and radically inclusive community building.

From unhoused friends in her West Queen West neighbourhood to musicians and DJs across the city, she will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she impacted.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Abra Shiner's husband Mike, her sisters Erica and Sophia, other family members, and the many people whose lives she touched across the city and around the world.

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