Expression of Condolence for Julie Lavertu by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Stephen Holyday

Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Julie Lavertu on September 23, 2025, at the age of 49.

Julie was born in Hull, Quebec to Laurette Quirion and Réjean Lavertu. She spent her early childhood in Hull, Québec City, and Montréal. In May 1983, her family moved to Mississauga, Ontario where she learned English as a second language and attended French schools to preserve her native tongue. She earned an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History (with High Distinction) from the University of Toronto Mississauga and a Master of Arts Degree in Public Policy and Administration from Toronto Metropolitan University. Julie was a proud alumnus of the Ontario Legislature Internship Program at Queen's Park, which fueled her interest in politics, public administration, and policy development.

Julie leaves behind her husband Mark Chambers and her Havanese dog Galileo. Julie was a dog person, and her friends and colleagues were very familiar with her adventures with Galileo, Moxie, Daphne and Ziggy.

Julie was a dedicated municipal public servant who worked for the City of Mississauga and the Town of Oakville before joining the City Clerk's Office at the City of Toronto in 2014. She launched the inaugural Public Appointments Secretariat with a small but mighty team. Julie subsequently provided secretariat support for more than four years to various committees and boards, including the Toronto Board of Health, where she coordinated its first hybrid (in-person and remote) and virtual meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. She was proud of her work with the Audit Committee, where she managed a myriad of reports while liaising with Toronto's Auditor General, members of City Council and senior City and agency staff. Julie will be dearly missed by her colleagues at the City of Toronto.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Julie Lavertu's family, and our enduring gratitude for her contributions to the City of Toronto.