

***Expression of Condolence for Nathan Gilbert
by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

Seconded by: Councillor Alejandra Bravo

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Nathan Gilbert who passed away on September 1, 2025, at the age of 73.

Nathan Gilbert was the executive director of the Laidlaw Foundation for over 30 years. His vision, dedication and leadership played an instrumental role in transforming a small private family foundation into a major champion of environmental justice, community arts and youth advocacy.

Nathan was deeply committed to social and economic justice, and the wellbeing of children and youth, championing youth inclusion and leadership. He was a prolific board member, patron of the arts, and volunteer, supporting Inter Pares, Out of the Cold, the Toronto Board of Health, the Tamarack Institute, Jewish Family & Child Services, and the Toronto Community Foundation, among others.

Nathan was a longtime member of the Congregation of Darcei Noam whose fierce commitment to social justice was rooted in his Jewish faith.

Nathan will be remembered for his wisdom, for his unshakeable faith in justice and for his vital contributions to the city of Toronto. His legacy will continue to live on through the Nathan Gilbert Youth Innovation Fellowship, a grant program that engages young people in policy and systemic change.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Nathan Gilbert's wife, Myrna, his children and their families, his foster children, his sisters and all those whose lives he touched.

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