

## *Expression of Condolence for The Honourable Kirsty Duncan by Toronto City Council*

**Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow**

**Seconded by: Councillor Josh Matlow  
and Councillor Vincent Crisanti**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the Honourable Kirsty Duncan, former Member of Parliament for Etobicoke North, who passed away at the age of 59 after a long battle with cancer.

Ms. Duncan was elected for five terms as the Member of Parliament for Etobicoke North from 2008 to 2025. During former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's first term, she served as the Minister of Science from 2015 to 2019, the Minister of Sport from 2018 to 2019 and Minister for Persons with Disabilities in 2018.

Ms. Duncan believed that no child should go hungry and, as a parliamentarian, she was one of the leading advocates for student nutrition programs. Ms. Duncan introduced a private members bill seeking a national strategy for student nutrition, convened an all-party parliamentary caucus in support of a national student nutrition program, and served as a board member on the Toronto Foundation for Student Success. Ms. Duncan's advocacy played a direct role in the creation of Canada's National School Food Program in 2025. This \$1 billion fund is enabling even greater investment in school food programs by provinces and cities. In Toronto, this investment means that, for the first time, by this September every single publicly funded school will have a mid-morning snack.

Prior to her political career, Ms. Duncan was a teacher and a scientist who was internationally recognized for leading an Arctic expedition to study the 1918 influenza pandemic. She also contributed to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 for its work on climate change science and its implications for global health and security.

Ms. Duncan will be remembered for her knowledge, compassion and deep commitment to public service.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Ms. Duncan's husband Sven, her family, friends, colleagues and all those who mourn her loss.

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