

***Expression of Condolence for Lucile Barker
by Toronto City Council***

Moved by: Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by: Mayor Olivia Chow

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Lucile Barker.

For more than three decades, Lucile Barker has been a vital part of the Ralph Thornton Community Centre. Since 1994, she has led the Joy of Writing workshop, creating a welcoming space for creativity, connection, and self-expression that continues to meet weekly at the Centre.

Lucile's contributions extend well beyond her work with writers, to campaigns for equity and inclusion in community building. As a long-time President of the Ralph Thornton Community Organization — a charitable partner of Ralph Thornton Community Organization — she has been a steady and dedicated advocate for community engagement and support. Her 24 years of service on the Ralph Thornton Community Organization Board, which concluded in April 2025, reflect a deep and sustained commitment to the neighbourhood and its people. In 2023, Lucile received the Award for Partnership with Ralph Thornton Community Organization.

City Council offers our heartfelt thanks for Lucile's extraordinary dedication, thoughtful leadership, and the lasting impact she has made on the broader Ralph Thornton Community Organization community.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Lucile's family, friends, and many loved ones.

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