

***Expression of Condolence for Catherine O’Hara  
by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow**

**Seconded by: Councillor Paula Fletcher**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Catherine O’Hara on January 30, 2026, at the age of 71, after a brief illness.

Catherine O’Hara was a Canadian multi-award-winning actress, writer, comedy legend and screenwriter whose career spanned more than 50 years. She began her work in sketch and improvisational comedy and went on to perform in a wide range of roles.

She was a performer and writer on the Canadian sketch comedy show *Second City Television*. She later appeared in a number of film and television productions and was known to many audiences for her role as Kate McCallister - Kevin’s mom - in the *Home Alone* movies.

For her portrayal as Moira Rose in the sitcom *Schitt’s Creek*, Catherine O’Hara received several honours, including an Emmy, Golden Globe and a Screen Actors Guild award. Her legacy will live on in her work.

Catherine was born in Toronto in 1954, the second oldest of seven siblings. She was a recipient of the Order of Canada and the Governor General’s Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Catherine’s husband, Bo Welch, and their children, Matthew and Luke. She will be missed by all her family and the many lives she touched.

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