

Expression of Condolence for Penny Elizabeth Lamy by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow

Seconded by: Councillor Chris Moise

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Penny Elizabeth Lamy (née Davidge) on July 13, 2026.

Ms. Lamy will be remembered as someone who dedicated her life to building a more compassionate, inclusive and equitable Toronto.

Ms. Lamy's work as an advocate for social justice spanned decades and touched many lives. She was present during pivotal moments in Toronto's history, including the aftermath of the bathhouse raids, the emergence of Pride on Church Street and the early years of the HIV/AIDS crisis. She was instrumental in helping to expand programs and services at The 519 that better reflected and served the diversity of the community.

Ms. Lamy worked as Executive Assistant to Metro Councillor Roger Hollander, advocating for residents of Toronto's downtown east and championing issues related to poverty, housing and community well-being. Her commitment to social justice continued through her work with Furniture Bank and Toronto Community Housing, where she remained an advocate for affordable and safe housing, accessibility, reducing stigma around mental health, harm reduction and creating communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Ms. Lamy believed that communities are strongest when people care for one another, and she lived that belief through her lifelong dedication to helping others and advancing a more just and inclusive city.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Penny's children; her grandchildren; her extended family; and all those whose lives she touched.

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