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Attn: Kathy Butler

Dear Ms. Butler:

It is with great sadness that I learned of Frances Clark's passing. To you and all friends of Frances Clark, on behalf of all members of City Council, please accept our sincerest condolences. I regret that my schedule has taken me out of town, thus I cannot attend her Celebration of Life.

Frances was a pioneer and a formidable force for change in Richmond. Her passion for advocating for people challenged by disabilities led her to establish the Richmond Committee on Disability, now known as the Richmond Centre for Disability. The RCD, which recently celebrated its 30th anniversary, has made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many people. The success of RCD can be very much attributed to Frances' unwavering dedication to its cause. Frances was also a champion for the benefits of therapeutic horseback riding for disabled youth through the Richmond Therapeutic Equestrian Society. Through her outstanding efforts, Richmond has become nationally recognized for its commitment and leadership in support of accessibility and inclusiveness.

While perhaps best known for her work on behalf of her fellow citizens with disabilities, Frances worked tirelessly for many causes. She was an advocate for dog owners and animal rights and ran a dog kennel for many years. This led to her involvement with the Richmond Chamber of Commerce where she served in many roles including president. In addition, she was an instrumental part of the efforts to create and build Richmond Caring Place and served on many City advisory committees over the years.

Frances will be remembered for her dedication in volunteerism and community service over the years. Her work has not gone unnoticed as she was honoured many distinguished awards including the Prime Minister's Volunteer Award for Lifetime Achievement, Governor General's Award for Community Service, Queens Golden Jubilee Award and two Ethel Tibbits Women of the Year Awards.

Richmond has become a better community because of Frances and people like her. Her presence will certainly be missed. As we move forward, I know her legacy will continue to be an inspiration to many others.

Our deepest sympathies to all during this difficult time.

Yours truly,

Malcolm D. Brodie
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