



NEW WESTMINSTER &
DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL

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Mayor Val van den Broek, Langley City
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Langley, BC

Via email: pkusack@langleycity.ca

Dear Mayor van den Broek and members of Council,

The New Westminister & District Labour Council represents over 60,000 affiliated union members in 14 communities in the Lower Mainland. In 1984 our national organization, the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC), introduced the annual day of remembrance for workers killed and injured on the job. April 28th was chosen because this was the day that the third reading took place for the first comprehensive Workers' Compensation Act (Ontario 1914) in Canada. The "Workers Mourning Day Act" (Bill C223) became law on February 1, 1991, an Act which states "the day of April 28th shall be respected as the day of official recognition". The day of recognition was proclaimed by the government of British Columbia in 1989.

On behalf of our members and their families and all workers living and/or working in your community, we have **four requests of your Council**:

- We request you **declare April 28th** as the official "*Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job*", and if your Council issues proclamations we would appreciate a copy. A copy of our Proclamation is enclosed to assist Council.
- We also request that **Council observe one minute of silence** in the Council Chambers at the evening Council meeting **on or before April 28th**.
- We thank-you for your leadership in your workplace by **encouraging your staff to observe one minute of silence at 11:00 a.m. on April 28th**.
- Finally, we will be requesting **an opportunity to appear as a delegation to make a 5 minute presentation at the April 26th, 2021 regular Council meeting**. A member of the Labour Council residing in the city will be presenting on behalf of the Labour Council. Our presentation will focus on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on health and safety for workers, their families and our communities.

There will be remembrances across Canada on April 28th for workers who have been killed on the job, and to recognize those who have suffered from workplace injury, accident or disease. As the Day of Mourning coincides with our regular delegate meeting you are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00pm for a short virtual ceremony, registration is available at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckdeGgqjwiEtdxYjZanx4qNInnukbHAnz1>

Sincerely,

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