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## **City commemorates National Day of Mourning while following public health orders**

Campbell River will commemorate the National Day of Mourning differently this year, to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

The City and the Campbell River & Courtenay District Labour Council traditionally welcome the public to congregate and honour the memory of people who have lost their lives due to work-related injuries or occupational disease.

This year, out of concern for the health and safety of employees and community members, single representatives from the Campbell River & Courtenay District Labour Council and the City will place wreaths on the memorial stone in Frank James Park on Tuesday, April 28, maintaining appropriate physical distance.

*“City of Campbell River Council encourages everyone to take a moment to remember lost co-workers, friends and family, and to reflect on our commitment to workplace safety,”* Mayor Andy Adams said, adding that City facilities will fly flags at half-mast in acknowledgement of the Day of Mourning.

Last year, 140 workers in B.C. lost their lives due to work-related injury, illness or disease.

*“It is imperative to honour those who have passed away and to send a reminder to all members of our community,”* emphasized city manager Deborah Sargent. *“Making the workplace safer must be a daily priority for everyone, and this day stands as another reminder for everyone to conduct themselves in a safe manner, especially during this extraordinary COVID-19 pandemic.”*

The Canadian Labour Congress initiated the day of Mourning in 1984. Canada was the first country to recognize the day formally. Today, the Day of Mourning is observed around the world.

The Mayor added, *“I’d also like to take this opportunity to remind our community of the importance for all of us to follow the public health orders and maintain appropriate physical distance to safeguard all the people working to keep everything running during the pandemic.”*

Find COVID-19 related resources, updates and information at [www.campbellriver.ca/COVID-19](http://www.campbellriver.ca/COVID-19).

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