

MEDIA RELEASE

Flags lowered at City Hall in recognition of National Day of Mourning

Port Colborne, ON (April 26, 2021) – The City of Port Colborne will lower flags at City Hall this Wednesday to recognize and pay tribute to those who have died or have been injured at work.

Wednesday, April 28, 2021, is National Day of Mourning; a day to reflect and remember the thousands of workers who have died or have been injured on the job. It is also a time to pay respects to the families deeply affected by these tragedies. The City of Port Colborne is committed to ensuring workplace health and safety remains a top priority for the community and ask that all employers within Port Colborne continue to do so as well.

"When you leave for work each day, you and your family expect you to return safely," said Mayor Bill Steele. "It is the responsibility of the employer to ensure this happens. This Wednesday, as we take time to remember, we have the opportunity to renew our commitment to workplace health and safety to prevent future fatalities."

To help workplaces commemorate the day and spread awareness, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) has several resources available that can be used:

- <u>Listen</u> to the CCOHS podcast interview with Threads of Life speakers to hear how they were personally affected by workplace tragedies
- <u>Download</u> CCOHS' collection of Day of Mourning posters to promote the significance this day holds

CCOHS and the City of Port Colborne is asking the community to show their support and help raise awareness of this day by sharing CCOHS' Day of Mourning social media cards and tagging your posts with #dayofmourning. More information about the National Day of Mourning can be found <u>online</u>.

About City of Port Colborne

Located on the south coast of the scenic Niagara Region, Niagara's Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, white sand beaches, unique culinary choices, the world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, trails, shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara Experience.

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