

Request to Appear as a Delegation

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Name of Delegation: New Westminster & District Labour Council
Name of Primary Contact Person: Janet Andrews
Who will be making the presentation? (maximum 2 people) TBA
Purpose of Delegation: Day of Mourning - letter attached
Specific Details of Request (if you are requesting something from Council, please include those details: On behalf of our members, 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". - 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 11:00a.m. on April 28th. - Finally, we request an opportunity to appear as a delegation to make a 5-minute presentation at the April 14, 2026, regular Council meeting. A union member residing in the city will be presenting on behalf of the Labour Council. Our presentation will include up-to-date information on workers' health & safety issues, WorkSafeBC regulatory reviews and/or changes that have impacted BC's workplace accident and fatality rates.
Additional Information in Support of Request:



NEW WESTMINSTER &
DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL

Christy Slusarenko, President
Janet Andrews, Secretary-Treasurer
Chartered By The Canadian Labour Congress

March 13, 2026

Mayor Meghan Lahti, City of Port Moody
100 Newport Drive
Port Moody, BC
V3H 5C3

Dear Mayor Lahti and Members of Council,

The New Westminister & District Labour Council represents over 71,000 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.

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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. Please join us on Tuesday, April 28th at 11 am at Westminister Pier Park in New Westminister as we mourn for those who have died from workplace accidents or disease and recommit ourselves to fight for the living.

Sincerely,

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Janet Andrews
Secretary-Treasurer

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