



# GREY BRUCE LABOUR COUNCIL

*Representing Workers Needs Since 1956*

April 12, 2024

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Dear Mayor Chris Peabody

Please join us in the Hanover Heritage Square on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am for the National Day of Mourning (for Workers Injured, Killed or Made Ill by Hazardous Work).

The event will commence with music by a local bagpiper, followed by speakers from the Grey Bruce Labour Council, and possibly words from injured workers or families who have been impacted by a loved one's death or illness from their work.

There is also going a ceremony at the Chesley Community Centre, on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

On behalf of the Grey Bruce Labour Council, I'd like to thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring healthier workplaces and communities!

Warm Regards,

Hazel Pratt

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**REMEMBER ▶ ON APRIL 28**



**National Day of Mourning for workers injured, killed, or made ill by hazardous work.**



## **CHANGE MAKERS: MOURN FOR THE DEAD. FIGHT FOR THE LIVING.**

Heat waves, unprecedented wildfires, flooding, and other environmental disasters are evidence of our global climate crisis. These events devastate communities but the impact on workplaces and workers cannot be ignored. Workers urgently need new and greater health and safety protection against climate-related hazards.

Efforts to lessen the impacts of climate change have fallen short if they happen at all. From experience, health and safety advocates know the most effective hazard controls are applied at source. Environmental allies would agree—they fight for changes upstream to prevent harm in the first place, protecting both people and the planet. Workers, their representatives, and their allies can be the agents of change our workplaces and communities so desperately need.



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## LEARNING AND LEADING

The fundamental change needed to protect our planet involves much more than greener, cleaner energy. For instance, true change makers are working to reduce toxins at source by considering how things are made and what they are made of. They dare to ask, “How do we move from the existing fossil fuels- or carbon-based market that is driving the climate crisis *and* unacceptable levels of worker disease, to one built on a healthier, plant-based market?”

Through the right to participate, workers and their representatives can and must be part of any plans to address health and safety issues caused by the climate crisis. They can:

- ▶ Create awareness about the links between environmental impacts and worker health

- ▶ Recommend measures to reduce *and* prevent the impact of our climate change in their workplaces and communities
- ▶ Work with employers, governments, and community partners to identify and support a just transition for those whose jobs will be lost or transformed in the much-needed shift to a low carbon economy.



To achieve these goals joint health and safety committee members and worker health and safety representatives require comprehensive and transformative instructor-led learning in real-time, in-person or virtual classrooms. So called online e-learning is not learning at all.

### JOIN US ▶

Let's remember AND let's recommit to working to create safer, healthier workplaces, communities and ecologies.

**GREY BRUCE LABOUR COUNCIL ▶ FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 | 11:00 AM**

### DAY OF MOURNING CEREMONY

**LOCATION:**

**Heritage Square, 358 10th Street, Hanover**

**CONTACT:**

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**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Grey Bruce Labour Council Executive, Labour and Community Speakers**

Check out our Day of Mourning resources, including a province-wide event listing [www.whsc.on.ca](http://www.whsc.on.ca)

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**ON APRIL 28. REMEMBER. *Mourn for the Dead. Fight for the Living.* More than a slogan.  
#MAKEWORKSAFE. More than a hashtag.**