

March 16, 2021

Dear Mayor Peabody and Esteemed Council and Staff

April 28th, 2021, the Day of Mourning for Workers Killed, Injured and Made Sick because of their work looks a bit like it did in 2020, but we have many more reasons for optimism this year than perhaps a year ago. In addition, as all of us have adapted to some degree we are all the more likely to see Day of Mourning observances in some form this year.

As the home for affiliated unions from across our region the Grey Bruce Labour Council is the voice of Labour for several thousand workers in our region. This voice is particularly important in a year of physical distancing and limited numbers in groups/circles and no doubt in observances such as Day of Mourning. The Labour Council in embracing this particularly important day for working people hopes to involve as many people as possible in the somber observances that will accompany this day. This includes our long-held tradition of inviting students to apply for a modest award for sharing their ideas, sentiments, experiences about Day of Mourning and workplace health and safety. Such observances have always represented an opportunity for shared experiences and very often expressions of grief and shared memories. A global pandemic, with its own record of workplace illness and death, is somewhat setting the parameters of how we observe and maybe, just maybe, gather carefully and thoughtfully.

Perhaps not perfectly aligned with death, illness and injury in the workplace, Brockton's experience with tragedy in vast numbers is never far from our thoughts. Combining this piece of history with some loss of life in the workplace near and around Brockton over the last few years the Labour Council could hardly think of a better community to invite to fly the Day of Mourning flag on April 28th (or longer as seen fit by the municipality).

Beyond flag flying a variety of activities are being planned, but at this stage we are still preparing to quickly pivot such that April 28th will be observed in as many ways as possible in this somewhat uncertain world. Some examples are virtual ceremonies, online video messages and physically distanced in person events. This will also be accompanied by some mainstream media messages.

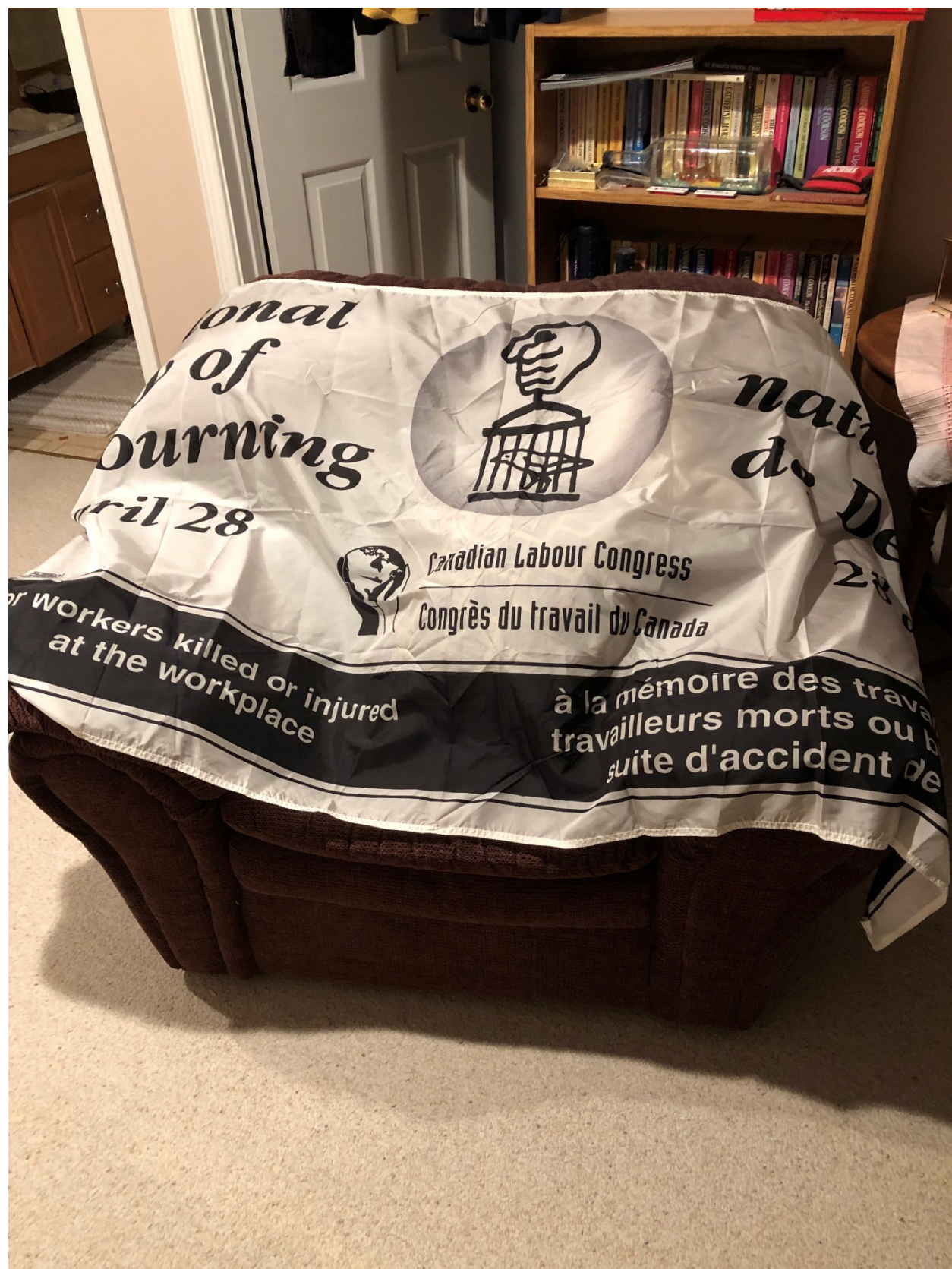
With all this in mind, I am writing on behalf of the Grey Bruce Labour Council in hopes of hearing from you in regard to the possibility of flying one of the Day of Mourning flags in the municipality. Please find a representation of the flag below.

Should it be agreeable that the flag be flown in Brockton, we would like very much to present at the flag raising.

Kindest Regards

Dave Trumble, VP, Bruce, Grey Bruce Labour Council

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