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TOWN OF CALEDON ENCOURAGES SUPPORT OF “NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING”

Town of Caledon Council and staff hold a Day of Mourning ceremony on April 28 each year to coincide with national events that honour the millions of people whose lives have been forever changed by a workplace incident.

Interested community members are invited to join staff and Council for this year’s ceremony at Town Hall at 11:00 a.m. The flags will be lowered to half-mast, honouring those nationwide who have died, suffered injury, or experienced illness due to work-related causes.

“Recognizing the Day of Mourning is an opportunity honour and remember,” said Mayor Marolyn Morrison. “It is also an appropriate time to remind all Caledon businesses of the importance of ensuring their workplaces are safe, and that their employees have the best opportunity to return home safely to their families, every day.”

Town of Caledon employees take part in a comprehensive safety training course within days after they begin work with the municipality. Programs are developed by the Town’s Health & Safety Coordinator to address workplace hazards specific to an employee’s job function. Continuous improvement to the Town’s safety program is guided by an internal Health & Safety Committee.

The Day of Mourning date of April 28 was chosen in 1984, when the Canadian Labour Congress proclaimed the Day to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the day the first Ontario Worker’s Compensation Act’s was approved by the government. The Day of Mourning was enshrined in national legislation by an Act of Parliament on February 1, 1991.

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