

Wetaskiwin Mayor Proclaims April 28 as National Day of Mourning

April 26, 2021

(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – Mayor Tyler Gandam proclaimed April 28, 2021 as National Day of Mourning in Wetaskiwin, Alberta during City Council’s regular meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021.

National Day of Mourning—also known as Worker’s Mourning Day—is a day to remember and honour those who were injured or lost their lives due to a workplace tragedy. All City flags will be lowered to half-mast on April 28 to honour everyone impacted by workplace tragedies throughout the Province.

“As we remember those who were injured or killed due to a workplace tragedy, it’s also important to think of those they are survived by or have been impacted by it,” stated Mayor Tyler Gandam. “It is imperative that we continue to improve working conditions to ensure injuries and deaths don’t happen at work and that everyone gets to go home safely.”

The City of Wetaskiwin remains dedicated to maintaining and protecting the health and safety of all its employees, and encourages everyone to take workplace safety seriously.

Quick Facts:

- In 1991, eight years after the day of remembrance was launched by the Canadian Labour Congress, the Parliament of Canada passed the Workers Mourning Day Act making April 28 an official Day of Mourning. Today the Day of Mourning has since spread to more than 100 countries.
- The most recent statistics from the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada (AWCBC) tell us that in 2019, 925 workplace fatalities were recorded in Canada. 882 were male workers, and 43 were female workers. Among these deaths were 29 young workers aged 15-24.

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