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April 28: The National Day of Mourning

Commemorating victims of workplace hazards and occupational exposures

Ontario Construction News staff writer

The National Day of Mourning was observed in Canada on April 28 to commemorate workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness due to workplace related hazards and occupational exposures.

In 1984, unions in Sudbury adopted the day to publicly acknowledge workplace injuries, illnesses, and deaths, and the Canadian Labour Congress officially declared the day of remembrance. Threads of Life reports on its website. April 28 was chosen to reflect the anniversary of the day Ontario passed the *Workers' Compensation Act* in 1914.



Image by Meaghan Horn

On April 28, 1991, Canada recognized its first National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace: Flags fly at half-mast, and ceremonies are held across the country to recognize the lives needlessly lost, and the tremendous suffering of those left in the wake of workplace tragedy.

The Day of Mourning has spread internationally, and now more than 100 other countries have also adopted the observance known widely as Workers' Memorial Day.

Commemorative events were scheduled across Ontario.



Steps for Life: 1,000 reasons to step up

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By Susan Haldane
Special to Ontario Construction News

For Eugene Gutierrez and his family, there's one reason and many reasons to be involved in Steps for Life. Eugene's father Eulogio was killed when he was struck by a piece of mobile equipment while working in an underground mine. Eugene participates in Steps for Life on behalf of his dad and to protect other workers.

"Every worker has the right to go home to their family safe and healthy at the end of the day," Eugene says. He is serving as a spokesperson for Steps for Life – walking for Families of Workplace Tragedy this spring.

"Being a spokesperson allows me

the opportunity and privilege to not only share my family's personal and painful experience with loss due to a workplace fatality, but to ensure that my father's passing was not in vain; to honour and remember him by reminding others and by raising more awareness around the critical importance of workplace safety - to prevent these types of tragic incidents from ever happening; to prevent further pain and suffering on other families," he says.

Steps for Life is a five-km walk to support families like Eugene's who are affected by work-related fatalities, life-altering injuries or occupational disease. Created in 2005, Steps for Life is the flagship

fundraiser for the Association for Workplace Tragedy Family Support (known as Threads of Life). In 2018, 5,000 participants raised more than \$750,000 in communities across Canada. This spring, 25 communities from coast to coast will play host to Steps for Life.

The annual event raises money to provide peer support programs and services for families, and raises awareness about the importance of workplace health and safety. Steps for Life is also an opportunity for companies and communities to show their commitment to health and safety. Companies sponsor local walks, allow their employees to volunteer, and enter teams.

Every year in Canada, close to 1,000 workers die as a result of their jobs. Every year more families need the support offered through Threads of Life. There are a thousand reasons – and more – to be part of Steps for Life.

For more information and to register for the 2019 walk on May 4 or 5, visit www.stepsforlife.ca.

Steps for Life 2019 is sponsored by BCRSP, CannAmm, Flynn Group, Graham Construction, NOVA Chemicals, PCL Construction, SPI Health and Safety, Stantec, Terrapure Environmental and Vale, as well as many companies and organizations at a

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Each morning at 10 a.m. you'll find a fresh issue on the ontarioconstructionnews.com website with current news, in-depth features, and leads and opportunities provided by **DataBid.com**.

"Our newspaper has been designed to comply with *Ontario Construction Act* regulations to qualify to publish certificate and notices as mandated by the Act," says OCN-Daily publisher **Mark Buckshon**. "The legislation sets out traditional requirements for a construction daily newspaper, but allows it to be published in an electronic format instead of newsprint."

The freedom from printing presses and postal mail mean that OCN-Daily's operating costs are much lower than for a conventional printed publication, and accordingly certificate/notice and tender advertising rates are much more reasonable.

"We've set our prices so they are 50 per cent lower than the competition, and in fact if you've advertised a certificate or notice advertisement in another daily construction publication in the past year, and it is a similar size, we'll guarantee that lower price," said Chase, who co-ordinates advertising and marketing.

"The process of requesting certificate and notice advertisements, especially Certificates of Substantial Performance (CSP) will be the same as for the competing publication," he said. "You can download the relevant standard government forms, complete them, and email or fax them to us. We'll prepare the necessary paperwork, publish your legally-required notice within three business days, and provide documentation for your records that you've complied with the Ontario Construction Act publication requirements."

For more information and to access the relevant certificate forms, see www.ontarioconstructionnews.com/forms.

Outside of paper and postage, OCN-Daily contains all the features and format of a traditional construction newspaper. "Our writers will research and report on news and issues relevant to the industry, and we are publishing tender and procurement notices in each issue," said Buckshon. "Databid.com provides extensive project lead data, for which the most up-to-date daily feed is available to anyone registering for a free electronic subscription."

The minimum eight page PDF issue will be accessible each day, along with many of the news stories, without registration requirements at ontarioconstructionnews.com. However, back issues and comprehensive access to the newspaper's ongoing data will be restricted largely to paid subscriptions, at a reasonable \$19.95 per month or \$149.00 per year. (If you are a paid DataBid.com subscriber, you can receive full access to OCN-D without fee.)

As well, all advertisers including those requesting one-time certificate and notice publicity will receive a free subscription. Public tender ads and published certificates will be freely available through a searchable database.

"In 2019, few would expect a publisher to launch a new daily newspaper," Buckshon said. "But the Ontario Construction Act regulations, coupled with our years of specialized knowledge and experience in publishing for Ontario's construction industry, have created this unique opportunity."

Buckshon said OCN-D welcomes reader feedback and observations.

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