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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release today, April 27, to commemorate Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace tomorrow (April 28).

A ceremony will also take place at Jack Poole Plaza beginning at 10:30 am tomorrow with a moment of silence at 11 am to commemorate all workers in B.C. who have lost their lives, or become sick or injured on the job. A livestream of the event can be viewed [online](#).

Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwəxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

City of Vancouver
Information bulletin
April 27, 2022

City observes moment of silence on Day of Mourning

On April 28, the national Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace, Vancouver City Hall and the Board of Parks and Recreation flags will be flown at half-mast from sunrise to sunset. Commemorative wreaths will also be placed at the north steps of City Hall.

A ceremony will also take place at Jack Poole Plaza beginning at 10:30 am with a moment of silence at 11 am to commemorate all workers in B.C. who have lost their lives, or become sick or injured on the job. A WorkSafe BC livestream of the event can be viewed [online](#).

"Many at the City are remembering Gord Dolyniuk, an Engineering Services staff member who died this past January while working at National Yard," says Mayor Kennedy Stewart. "To his family and friends, and all those missing a loved one today, we recommit to ensuring every worker makes it home safe."

VFRS recently commemorated Captain Steve Letourneau, who battled with cancer and died in 2020 while still on active duty. The City also lost four retired Vancouver Fire Rescue Services (VFRS) members in 2021 due to occupational-related illnesses: Andrew McNaughton, Paul Robert Helem, James Whiting and Donald Lee.

"I want to recognize the many staff across the City who are working hard every day to ensure that our workplaces are safe," says Paul Mochrie, City Manager. "Their efforts are critically important. Despite that good

work, it is clear that, as an organization, we can always do better.”

Earlier this year, as part of the City's continued commitment to safety, the City of Vancouver established a new role of [Chief Safety Officer](#). Part of this role is to review current safety management systems and practices across the City.

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