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## **Day of Mourning Remembers 142 B.C. Workers Who Died in 2011**

**Kelowna, B.C. (April 24, 2012)** — The Day of Mourning commemorates workers who have been killed, injured, or suffered illness as a result of their job. In British Columbia last year, 142 workers died and 103,798 were injured or became ill.

Day of Mourning ceremonies have been held across the country ever since the Canadian Labour Congress initiated a national Day of Mourning ceremony on April 28, 1984. This year, a public ceremony will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> in Kelowna and similar ceremonies will be held in Vancouver and other communities across the Province.

The North Okanagan Labour Council and WorkSafeBC are holding a remembrance ceremony in Kelowna, with presentations by:

- Mohini Singh, Councillor, City of Kelowna;
- Colin Basran, Councillor, City of Kelowna;
- Carole Gordon, President, North Okanagan Labour Council;
- Betty Pirs, Vice-President, Prevention Services, WorkSafeBC;
- Jessica Vliegenthart, injured young worker & Paralympic speaker; and
- Cindy Brewer, sister of fatally injured worker; along with
- *A memorial bench being unveiled on location, and*
- *Linda Williams performing a farewell song*

**Date:** Friday, April 27, 2012

**Time:** 12 p.m.

**Location:** Ben Lee Park  
(Franklyn Rd & Houghton Rd, near water park. Parking available on Houghton)  
Kelowna, B.C.

A list of ceremonies around B.C. may be found at [WorkSafeBC.com](http://WorkSafeBC.com).

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