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## **‘Business-as-usual’ will not get the job done on Prevention: Dillon**

(Toronto, ON) “The Day of Mourning is a day to reflect on the lives that have been lost in the workplace, or from work-related injuries and disease,” said Patrick Dillon, Business Manager of the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario. “All workplace deaths are completely preventable,” he emphasized.

“As we mourn every life lost, we implore our business, government, and union leaders to step up in driving *real* Prevention forward. This means a change in attitudes, but more importantly, a meaningful change in behaviour.” Ontario’s Building Trades unions, together with signatory contractors are doing their part in advancing Prevention by investing in apprenticeship training programs which are critically important to achieving safer working conditions.

April 28 is a nationally-recognized day to remember the victims of workplace tragedies, but also to reiterate the need for healthy and safe workplaces across every sector of the economy, especially in construction which has tragically accounted for the highest share of lives lost to occupational injury and disease. Across Ontario and across the country, ceremonies will be held to mourn the fallen from industrial disease and workplace death.

“Behaviours shape attitudes as much as the other way around,” noted Dillon, adding that “we need to secure more and better training for workers, enforce existing safety laws, and punish firms and individuals who put workers’ lives at risk with more stringent regulations and harsher sentences (including jailtime) until others are deterred and safety outcomes finally begin to change. Business-as-usual will not get the job done when it comes to Prevention,” concluded Dillon.

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