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Dear Fellow Workers and Friends,

Miners Memorial is a time-honoured event that brings people together to commemorate and pay tribute to the workers of yesterday and today. On June 17-19th, 2022 working in collaboration and solidarity the Campbell River, Courtenay & District Labour Council and the Cumberland Museum & Archives will host a series of events to mark the 37th Miners Memorial.

Miners Memorial is an event that showcases how participating organisations annually recommit to standing together in solidarity and strength. The miners of Cumberland fought for better working conditions, for a safer work environment, and bereavement benefits, a 'Mothers Allowance', for their families. Their strength, ability to organise, and unwavering commitment to each other continue to inspire the events of Miners Memorial each year.

Miners Memorial is one of the few yearly events celebrating labour history in western Canada and we attempt to reflect the diversity of historical struggles. The Village of Cumberland is a setting that depicts those challenges and triumphs as a colonial coal mining community whose activists played a pivotal role in Canadian labour history. Through this event, we not only pay respects to those injured and killed while at work in the mines but also acknowledge and celebrate the spirit of resistance and resilience.

The weekend will kick off with a Friday night 'Songs of the Workers' outdoor ticketed concert. Saturday morning activities will include a graveside vigil at the Cumberland Community Cemetery, the Japanese Cemetery and the Chinese Cemetery. The afternoon will explore the history of early Cumberland and the No. 1 Japanese Community with guided tours, a workshop at the museum and a free BBQ in the Cumberland Cultural Centre. On Sunday the Museum will host free tours and rolling film screenings by donation. For a detailed schedule of events or to purchase bouquets visit minersmemorial.ca

Save the date, June 17-19 and consider joining us. All donations support the planning and programming of the day's events. Please help us grow by sharing information about Miners Memorial Weekend with your networks, affiliates, and locals, interested in supporting working history in British Columbia. For further information or to discuss exciting sponsorship opportunities contact Rosslyn Shipp at director@cumberlandmuseum.ca

In solidarity,

Shelley Siemens, President
Campbell River, Courtenay & District Labour Council

Karen Melnyk, Chair of the Board
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