



February 10, 2021

David Barrow, Mayor  
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Dear Mayor Barrow:

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Toronto & York Region Labour Council. Founded on April 12<sup>th</sup> 1871, the Labour Council has organized working people to join together in the quest for economic and social justice ever since. Over the coming months we will share the story of those who came before us and celebrate their collective efforts for social solidarity, equity and respect.

Our history began on the land of Indigenous communities, and it has been forged by those who have come from around the world as immigrants or refugees to build Canada's largest urban centre. In no small part, the quality of life which Canadians enjoy today derives from the sacrifices and struggles of past generations.

Today the Labour Council represents 220,000 women and men who work in every sector of the economy. From the beginning, the labour movement in greater Toronto has been guided by the principle that "What we desire for ourselves, we wish for all". Our collective efforts have strengthened the communities in which we work and live, and helped sustain vital public services and programs.

This is a formal request that the City of Richmond Hill issue a proclamation for April 12, 2021 in recognition of this historic milestone.

We are also asking you to provide the opportunity to use public spaces for a display and possible live events, when and if the current pandemic allows us to do so.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'J. Cartwright'.

John Cartwright  
President