

NEWS RELEASE

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City flags at half mast in memory of lost miners

Summary

Flags at City of Nanaimo facilities will be lowered to half mast on Sunday, May 3 to mark the anniversary of the coal mining disaster of 1887 that took 150 lives.

The explosions of the No. 1 Esplanade Mine are known as the worst mining disaster in British Columbia's history and second worst in Canada (the mining disaster of 1914 in Hillcrest, Alberta killed 189 miners).

Strategic Link: n/a

Key Points

- The flags at all City of Nanaimo facilities will be lowered to half mast on Sunday, May 3 in memory of the 150 miners killed in the Nanaimo coal mining disaster of 1887.
- On May 3, 1887, shortly before 6:00 pm, two explosions occurred in the No. 1 Esplanade Mine.

Quotes

"This tragic event in Nanaimo's history will forever be remembered by the community. Lowering of the flags is one way we can honour the 150 lives lost on this sad day."

Bill McKay
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

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