The National Day of Mourning, held annually in Canada on April 28, is dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives, or suffered injury or illness on the job or due to a work-related tragedy. The 28th day of April is known under the name of "Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace".

The National Day of Mourning is not only a day to remember and honour those lives lost or injured due to a workplace tragedy, but also a day to renew the commitment to improve health and safety in the workplace and prevent further injuries, illnesses and deaths.

On April 28th the Canadian flag will fly at half-mast on Parliament Hill and on all federal government buildings. Employers and workers will observe Day of Mourning in a variety of ways. Some light candles, lay wreaths, wear commemorative pins, ribbons or black armbands, and pause for a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m.

A day to remember lives lost or injured in the workplace and to renew our commitment to preventing further tragedies. Forget-them-not.
Like many here at the Keele campus I have watched over the last 8 years as the 6 stop extension to the Young/Spadina line was debated, approved, planned and constructed. The 6 stops include, the new Downsview Park station (located at Sheppard and Chesswood), the new Finch West station (at the corner of Keele and Finch), the new York University station (located on the commons), the new Black Creek Pioneer Village station (located at the Northwest Gate on the edge of campus), the new Jane & 407 station (located at the 407 and Jane), and the new Vaughan Metropolitan Centre station (located at Jane and Highway 7). The other stop that is included in this line is the current Downsview station, which will be renamed to Sheppard West Station.

The new extension is currently scheduled to be open by the end of 2017, that is barring any delays. While the idea of connecting Downtown Toronto to Vaughan is a good one, the changes that are being made to the transit routes are not. You see all transit buses are being rerouted off campus, to the Finch West station, the Pioneer Village station or the Jane & 407 station depending on the provider. Upon further research on how this new extension would affect the commute on a daily basis, I discovered that all GO buses are being rerouted to the Jane & 407 station and the VIVA, YRT and ZUM buses are being sent to either the Pioneer Village station or the Jane & 407 station. The TTC plans to reroute its buses to either the Finch West station or the Pioneer Village station. This means that in order to either catch a bus, riders will have to pay the TTC fare and use the train to the correct station in order to pay another fare to get home. The other option for riders of the TTC, some VIVA and some YRT routes will be to walk to the Pioneer Village station at the Northwest gate to catch their bus. This comes on the heels of information that GO transits parent company, Metrolinx, is considering the closure of the York University Go Train station.

What this all boils down to for the average commuter that comes from outside the GTA, or the edges of the GTA is that commute times are going to be increased and yet none of this information is being shared with passengers. All of the information above is the current plan, and there is no word on how York will be handling the changes that will then be required to the various shuttle buses that are run on a daily basis, or on how they plan to inform riders that the cost of using transit will increase as most riders will now have to pay two fares for the same level of service that we currently enjoy.

For more information on the changes to the TTC routes and the progress of the construction please review the following link: http://ttc.ca/Spadina/index.jsp. For more updates or to voice your concern over the changes please contact your preferred provider directly. Stay tuned for more updates and information.
Facebook Photo Contest!

**Contest Period:** The contest begins on Thursday April 13th, 2017 and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday April 30, 2017.

**How to Enter:**
1. Like the YusApuY Facebook page,
2. Upload a creative selfie wearing your YusApuY swag and
3. Tag five (5) of your YusApuY work colleagues

**Eligibility:** Only entries that fulfill all three requirements (listed above) will be eligible for prizes. Limit of one (1) contest entry per person. Four (4) prize winners will be selected. Limit of one (1) prize per person. This contest is open to all current YusApuY members. [https://www.facebook.com/YusApuY/](https://www.facebook.com/YusApuY/)

**Prize Descriptions:** Four (4) $100.00 prizes will be awarded. **Winners will be announced by:** Friday May 5, 2017 Good Luck!

Featured Article

**Prime Minister Trudeau’s Flip-Flop on Electoral Reform is Unacceptable**

The highlighted text below is a promise made in writing to the Confederation of Canadian Unions by the president of the Liberal Party of Canada on September 28, 2015, in response to our questionnaire on electoral reform from our “Raise Your Voice, Cast Your Vote” campaign for the 2015 federal election (see question 13 on page 13):

“**Liberals are committed to ensuring that 2015 will be the last federal election conducted under the first-past-the-post voting system. As part of a national engagement process, we will ensure that electoral reform measures—such as ranked ballots, proportional representation, mandatory voting, and online voting—are fully and fairly studied and considered. This will be carried out by a special all-party parliamentary committee, which will bring recommendations to Parliament on the way forward, to allow for action before the succeeding federal election. Within 18 months of forming government, we will bring forward legislation to enact electoral reform.”**

As a longtime opponent of our first-past-the-post electoral system, the Confederation of Canadian Unions must lend its voice to the many organizations who are expressing disappointment and outrage with the Trudeau Liberals for willfully and purposefully breaking their promise to bring forward legislation on electoral reform within 18 months of taking office. **Read more:** [http://www.ccu-csc.ca/prime-minister-trudeaus-flip-flop-electoral-reform-unacceptable/](http://www.ccu-csc.ca/prime-minister-trudeaus-flip-flop-electoral-reform-unacceptable/)
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We Need Your Feedback!

Please complete our short online questionnaire.

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