



## NORTH BAY & DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL

# Press Release

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**Attention:** Labour Council celebrates the work of Health and Safety activists

The North Bay and District Labour Council hosted its Annual Health and Safety Dinner Tuesday evening at the Best Western.

“Every year we have a nice dinner and invite health and safety activists from local unions, along with other union and community leaders, to honour the people and the work they do that goes into making our workplaces as safe as possible,” said Henri Giroux, Labour Council President.

This year, Carole Ayotte, a staff member of Nipissing Community Counselling Centre of Nipissing and health and safety steward for USW 2020, won the Workers Health and Safety Centre Award. Carole has dedicated countless years of service to the safety of her workplace and is very deserving of this year’s award.

In addition to a fabulous and festive dinner put on by the Best Western staff, the Awards Dinner featured Janice Martell, founder of the McIntyre Powder Project, as the guest speaker.

Janice shared about her experiences advocating for Northern Ontario miners, including her father, who were exposed to aluminum powder while working in Ontario mines. Miners were forced to inhale this very fine powder to help prevent silicosis. Janice has been compiling a testimonial catalogue of miners to help convince WSIB and governments that the inhalation of McIntyre Powder while at work has caused neurological deceases like Parkinsons.