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NL Federation of Labour joins with Canadians in mourning loss of Jack Layton – a great and inspiring leader

Today our nation has lost a truly inspiring leader who believed that together we can build a better world for all Canadians, said Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour (NLFL) President Lana Payne.

“Jack Layton was a fighter, an optimist, a progressive. Jack Layton was a leader who genuinely liked people, who deeply respected Canadians, and who inspired in all of us great hope,” she said.

The NL Federation of Labour sends our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to the Layton family, including his wife Olivia Chow and his children Michael and Sarah. “We wish for them the courage they will need in the days and months ahead.”

During his last public appearance, Jack said: “If I've tried to bring anything to federal politics, it's the idea that hope and optimism should be at their heart.” There is little doubt that he did indeed bring hope and optimism to the world of Canadian politics.

“Jack inspired us all to work towards the possible. He would want us to continue to do so,” said Ms. Payne. “His vision of a better and progressive Canada lives on in all of us who have been inspired to make a difference.”

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