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## **IFPTE Responds to the Passing of Jack Layton Canadian NDP Leader was a “fierce advocate for Canadian workers”**

WASHINGTON, DC – The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) issued the following statements regarding the passing of Canadian opposition leader, Jack Layton:

IFPTE President, Gregory Junemann:

“IFPTE is deeply saddened to learn of the death of NDP Leader Jack Layton. The entire IFPTE family sends our deepest condolences to the Layton family; to his many, friends, supporters, and admirers; and to the many, many Canadians whose expressions of grief have touched our hearts. At such a trying time we at IFPTE hope that Leader Layton’s family and supporters will find comfort in the great impact that his work and activism over the years has had on improving the lives of Canadian workers.”

IFPTE Secretary-Treasurer, Paul Shearon:

“NDP Leader Layton has been a champion to Canada’s most vulnerable citizens. Not only has he been a tireless advocate for bringing fairness and equality for all of Canada’s workers, he has also stood as an example throughout the world as a person who not only talked the talk, but walked the walk. He led the NDP with distinction and honor. IFPTE honors his great life and legacy.”

IFPTE Canadian Area Vice President/Local 160 President, Rodney Sheppard:

“Many Canadians feel they've lost a good friend in Jack Layton. This union feels we've lost a close, personal friend and supporter. While we didn't agree on everything, we remember his gracious, inspiring appearance at our 2006 convention, and the great amount of time he spent on our picket lines when we had to strike in 2005. He constantly stood up for working people and their loved ones, and we will miss him greatly.”

IFPTE Canadian Area Vice President/Local 161 President, Misty Hughes-Newman:

“I was very saddened to hear of Jack's passing; he was a friend of labour and will be sadly missed. I will always have fond memories of Jack at the CLC convention, right after his election victory; he was inspiring and filled people with hope. In honour of Jack I would encourage everyone to donate to the [Broadbent Institute](#) in Jack's memory as requested by his family.”

IFPTE is a labor union representing upwards of 90,000 workers in Canada and the United States.

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