

# AMIANTO — ITALIA — CANADA — ASBESTOS

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## THE COMPLEX LEGACY OF ASBESTOS

**An Italian City's Tragedy and Triumph Over a Serious Occupational Hazard: Casale Monferrato.**

**Delegation Visit: April 7–15, 2019**

A six-member delegation of key stakeholders from the small northern Italian city of Casale Monferrato is visiting Ontario from April 7 – 15, 2019 to share their knowledge about asbestos exposure. Their forty-year experience includes developments in medical innovations, educational programs, environment elimination programs and community galvanization to spearhead awareness initiatives across Italy about this harmful material. This visit will show not only the affects of this deadly material — a material banned *just this year* in Canada — but also how a community unites against a devastating fate, survives and then turns the page. Casale Monferrato's experience of dealing with the complex legacy of asbestos will help us, as we in Canada begin our implementation of the asbestos ban that was just enacted in 2019 — *a full thirty years after Casale's ban*. The delegation's schedule will include visits to Toronto as well as Peterborough and Sarnia, two of the hardest hit regions and subsequently dealing with the negative affects of occupational disease as follows:

### PETERBOROUGH

**Monday 8 April 2019 (11:30–3:30) Community Event**

Peterborough Legion Hall, 1550 Lansdowne Street, Peterborough, Ontario

**Monday 8 April 2019 (4-6) Public Health Event**

The Complex Legacy of Asbestos, Peterborough Public Health, 185 King Street, Peterborough, ON K9J 2R8.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-complex-legacy-of-asbestos-tickets-59539540368?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

### SARNIA

**Tuesday 9 April 2019 (5:00) OHCOW Clinic Event**

The OHCOW Clinic, 171 Kendall St, Sarnia ON N7V 4G

**Wednesday 10 April 2019 (6:30) Community Event**

Sarnia Community Event, The Dante Club, 1330 London Road, Sarnia, Ontario N7S 1P7

### TORONTO

**Friday 12 April 2019 (9:30–2:45) Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation Event**

Session on education on Health and Safety and Workers' Comp, 136 Isabella Street, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1P5

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/education-on-health-safety-workers-comp-learning-from-casale-monferrato-tickets-59148356326>.

**Friday 12 April 2019 (5:30) Reception**

Reception at Sala Caboto in the Villa Charities Complex, 40 Playfair Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M6B 2P9

Invitation: <http://www.monumentoaicaduti.com/files/Amianto.Italia.Canada.Asbestos.Invite.Apr.12.2019.jpg>.

**Saturday 13 April 2019 (10:00–5:00) Educational Exchange**

Educational exchange: occupational disease cluster stakeholders, USW Hall, 25 Cecil St. Toronto, Ontario M5T 1N1

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/education-on-health-safety-workers-comp-learning-from-casale-monferrato-tickets-59148356326>.

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The delegation is hosted by the Amianto-Italia-Canada-Asbestos Committee, (affiliated with the Italian Fallen Workers Memorial Committee), Comitès (a major Italian community organization), Asbestos Free Canada, the Canadian Mesothelioma Foundation, Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers, Villa Charities, Unifor, Canada's Building Trades Unions, the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario, the Labourers' International Union and the United Steelworkers' Union (District 6).

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