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Labor leader dies

Mississauga's Gerry Gallagher, who led the battle for improved construction safety for Local 183 of the Laborers' International Union, died Saturday of a heart attack.

Gallagher, 64, was president and business manager of the local at one time. He gained a wide respect inside and outside the labor movement for his willingness to take quick action when he believed safety measures weren't adequate.

Gallagher served as a member of the city's independent commission on

ward boundaries and salaries a few years ago.

He was recently in the news when he questioned city council about the provincial government's program to use inmates to perform public projects. He felt the government was taking away potential jobs from the private sector.

Gallagher, who is survived by his wife and five children, will be buried after a funeral mass this afternoon at St. Dominic's Church on Atwater Avenue.