



CITY CLERK'S Department

City Clerk

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United Steelworkers  
District 6, Ontario and Atlantic Canada  
200 Ronson Drive  
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**RE: SUPPORT- ENFORCE THE WESTRAY AMENDMENTS TO CANADA'S CRIMINAL CODE**

**Dear Sirs:**

We wish to advise that at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Elliot Lake held Monday, April 28, 2014, the following resolution was passed requesting that the provincial government take action to enforce the Westray amendments:

**RESOLUTION 148/14**

"Whereas it has been more than two decades since the Westray mine disaster in Nova Scotia and a decade since amendments were made to the Criminal Code of Canada to hold corporations, their directors and executives criminally accountable for the health and safety of workers; and  
Whereas police and prosecutors are not utilizing the Westray amendments, and not investigating workplace fatalities through the lens of criminal accountability;

and whereas more than 1,000 workers a year are killed at work; now  
Therefore be it resolved that this Council support a campaign to urge our  
therefore be it resolved that this Council support a campaign to urge our provincial/territorial government , specifically the Attorney-General and Labour Minister, to ensure that:

- Crown attorneys are educated, trained and directed to apply the Westray amendments;

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- Dedicated prosecutors are given the responsibility for health and safety fatalities;
- Police are educated, trained and directed to apply the Westray amendments;
- There is greater coordination among regulators, police and Crowns so that health and safety regulators are trained to reach out to police when there is a possibility that Westray amendment charges are warranted. ”

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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City Clerk

- c. Minister Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour  
Madeleine Meilleur, Attorney General



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