

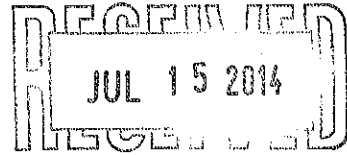


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Stephen Hunt, District Director
United Steel Workers District 3
300 -- 3920 Norland Avenue
Burnaby, BC V5G 4K7



Dear Mr. Hunt:

Re: Proactive Action to Protect Workers

City Council, at its Regular meeting of Monday, July 7, 2014, unanimously endorsed the following resolution:

"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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support a campaign to urge our federal, provincial, and territorial government to ensure that:

- Crown attorneys are educated, trained and directed to apply the Westray amendments;
- 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 Crown attorneys so that health and safety regulators are trained to reach out to police when there is a possibility that Westray amendment charges are warranted."

Yours truly,

Karla Graham, MMC
City Clerk

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