



CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE

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Dean Colville, 1st Vice President
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Dear Mr. Colville:

RE: Support for Proactive Action to Protect Workers

Council considered the above matter at its regular meeting held November 4, 2014. Quoted hereunder is Resolution No. 430/14 as passed at that meeting.

“That the report of the Chief Administrative Officer dated October 24, 2014 be received and the following Resolution endorsed by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities at their 2014 Convention be endorsed by Council, with the addition indicated in **bold**:

WHEREAS the Westray amendments to the Criminal Code were brought forward to address incidents of workplace death or injury that were determined to be caused by negligence or a failure to take reasonable steps to ensure safety;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City of Williams Lake Council urge the **federal and** provincial governments, specifically the Attorney General and the Minister of Labour, 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; and
- There is a greater coordination among regulators, police and Crown attorneys so that health and safety regulators are trained to reach out when there is a possibility that Westray amendment charges are warranted.”

Please contact Darrell Garceau, Chief Administrative Officer, at 250.392.1763 should you have any questions in this regard.

Yours truly,

Cindy Bouchard
Manager of Legislative Services

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