



**DISTRICT OF CHETWYND**

**CERTIFIED COPY OF A RESOLUTION**

**MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED**

**Resolution to Enforce the Westray Amendments  
to Canada's Criminal Code**

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 District of Chetwynd Council support a campaign to urge our federal/provincial/ territorial governments to ensure that:

- Crown attorneys are educated, trained and directed to apply the Westray amendments where employer negligence is determined;
- Dedicated prosecutors are given the responsibility for health and safety fatalities;
- Police are educated, trained and directed to apply the Westray amendments where employer negligence is determined;
- 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.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of a resolution as adopted by the Council of the District of Chetwynd at its Special Regular Council Meeting held on July 28, 2014.

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Carol Newsom  
Director of Corporate Administration