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City of Prince Albert

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July 15, 2014

United Steelworkers
District 3, Western Provinces and Territories
300 – 3920 Norland Avenue
Burnaby, BC V5G 4K7

Attention: Stephen Hunt, Director

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Re: "Stop the Killing and Enforce the Law" Campaign

Thank you for your correspondence dated June 16, 2014, requesting that City Council pass a Resolution to support the United Steel Workers in your "Stop the Killing and Enforce the Law" Campaign.

As you may be aware, City Council in considering your request, approved the following Motion:

"That The City of Prince Albert endorse the United Steel Workers campaign to "Stop the Killing and Enforce the Law" by approving the following Resolution:

WHEREAS it has been more than two (2) 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;

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 one thousand (1,000) workers a year are killed at work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Prince Albert 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;
- 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 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."

In that regard, letters had been forwarded to the Saskatchewan Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, Saskatchewan Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Canadian Minister of Labour and Canadian Minister of Justice and Attorney General advising of The City's support for the above noted Motion.

Once again, on behalf of Mayor G. Dionne and members of City Council, thank you for forwarding your correspondence.

Yours truly,

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cc. Mayor G. Dionne