

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE RM OF ERIKSDALE



MOVED BY COUNCILLOR :

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Resolution No:

145/14

Date:

July 8, 2014

**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** this Council support a campaign to urge our federal/provincial/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.

In Favour :

Opposed :

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Carried

Chris Tindell  
Chairman