

# TOWN OF WESTVILLE

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## **SUPPORT FOR THE WESTRAY CAMPAIGN BY WESTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

The Mayor and Council for the Town of Westville, Nova Scotia have passed the following motion to support the enforcement of 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

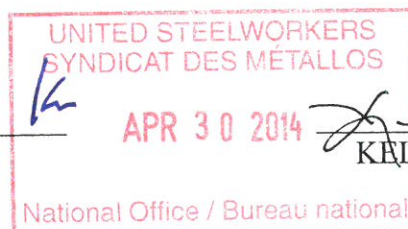
**WHEREAS** more than 1,000 workers a year are killed at work.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Council support a campaign to urge our provincial/territorial government, specifically the Attorney-General and Labour Minister 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 Crowns so that health and safety regulators are trained to reach out to police when there is a possibility that Westray amendment charges are warranted.

**Passed, unanimously, at a duly convened meeting of the Westville Town Council, Westville, Nova Scotia, March 31, 2014.**

  
MAYOR ROGER MACKAY



  
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