



TOWN OF TRENTON

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 Trenton Town Council support a campaign to urge our provincial 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 co-ordination 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.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Town Council of the Town of Trenton at a duly called meeting held on the 11th day of March A.D. 2014.

GIVEN under the hand of the Chief Administrative Officer and under the seal of the said Town this 18th day of March A.D. 2014.

Cathy MacGillivray, Chief Administrative Officer