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March 19, 2014

Ms. Sylvia Boyce
Health, Safety & Environment Co-ordinator
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Dear Ms. Boyce:

Re: Resolution - Enforcement of the Westray Amendments to Canada's Criminal Code

At a meeting held on March 17, 2014 New Glasgow Town Council unanimously passed a resolution to support the enforcement of the Westray Amendments to the Canada Criminal Code.

A copy of the resolution that was passed by Council is attached.

Yours very truly,

Lisa M. MacDonald
CAO

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Encl.

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 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.