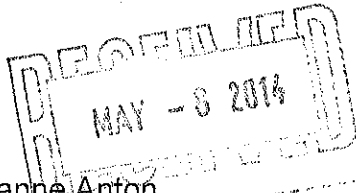


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Dear Honourable Ministers:

RE: Westray Criminal Code Amendments

At a regular meeting on April 28, 2014, Council for the City of Port Alberni received a delegation from Mr. Ron Corbeil of the United Steelworkers (USW) providing information regarding their campaign to ensure that Westray criminal code amendments are being fully utilized.

As you know, the Westray amendments were brought forward to address incidents of workplace death or injury that were determined to be caused by negligence or a failure to take reasonable steps to ensure safety. Council shares the concerns of the USW for both the welfare of workers and the consistent application of our criminal laws.

Based on the above, Council for the City of Port Alberni unanimously passed the following motion:

That Council for the City of Port Alberni 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.*

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Yours truly,
CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Douglas', written in a cursive style.

John Douglas
Mayor

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