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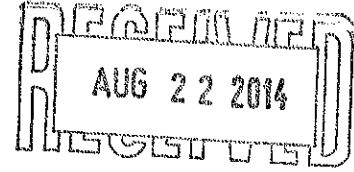
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Dear UBCM Members:

At the request of the United Steelworkers (USW), the Village of Port Alice Council unanimously endorsed the attached resolution concerning the need for more enforcement of the Westray Act. Like many British Columbians, our residents are largely employed in the forestry sector, in construction and logging, as well as in the pulp mill industry. Nothing is more important to them and their families than safety at work and we stand beside the USW in their efforts to ensure that senior levels of government respect and enforce this important legislation.

Yours truly,

Mayor Jan Allen

cc UBCM Membership
United Steelworkers District 3 ✓



Village of Port Alice
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION
From The Council Meeting
Held On
July 9th, 2014

Enforcement of 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 executive 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 1000 workers a year are killed at work;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Port Alice 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 the health and safety regulators are trained to reach out to police when there is a possibility that Westray amendment charges are warranted.

CARRIED
Authorised by Motion #218/14

Certified a true and correct resolution as passed by Council on the 9th day of July, 2014

Madeline McDonald
Chief Administrative Officer