

RESOLUTION NO. 128 /14

DATE: August 13, 2014

Resolution of the Council of the Town of Grand Rapids

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:

Munir H. H. [Signature]

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

Annie Ballantine

WHEREAS: The Council of the Town of Grand Rapids:

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 HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: The Council of the Town of Grand Rapids:

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;

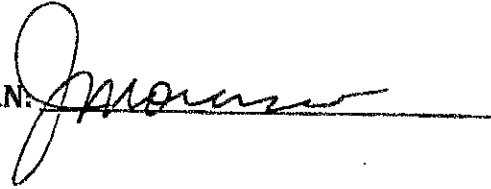
-Dedicated prosecutors are given the responsibility for health and safety fatalities;

-Police are educated, trained and directed to apply the Westray amendments;

-There is greater coordination among regulators, police and Crown attorneys so that health and safety regulators are trained to reach out to police when there is a possibility that Westray amendment charges are warranted.


CARRIED

CHAIRMAN:



I, hereby certify under the corporate seal of the Town of Grand Rapids, duly enacted
on the _____ day of _____ A.D. 2014

The Town of Grand Rapids


Karen Turner
Chief Administrative Officer