

NOTICE OF MEETING
PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

DATE: Monday, September 26, 2005

TIME: 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
(sandwiches will be provided)

PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall

PLEASE NOTE:

*Agendas and Minutes are available on the City of Vancouver web site at
<http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/civicagencies/civicindex.htm#peace>*

***Note to Members: Please advise Denise Salmon at 604.873.7269 or email
denise.salmon@vancouver.ca if you are unable to attend this meeting***

APOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2005, to be adopted.

1. Sub-Committee Updates/Reports

a. Citizen Peace Award Sub-Committee

Advertisements have now been placed in newspapers and linked on the City's P&J WebPage. The nomination deadline is Wednesday, October 12, 2005. Due to timing issues, it is suggested the Committee grant its sub-committee "Power to Act", to allow the sub-committee to meet and make its recommendation to City Council on October 18th. The Citizens' Peace Award Ceremony will then proceed on November 1st.

b. Hiroshima Day Sub-Committee

Frank Kennedy, President, Trade Union Peace Committee, will report on the Kinuko Laskey Hiroshima Project.

c. Justice Sub-Committee

d. Peace and Justice WebSite Sub-Committee

e. Public Participation Sub-Committee

The attached sub-committee report dated September 15, 2005, refers.

f. Arms Race Sub-Committee

g. World Peace Forum Sub-Committee

2. Correspondence

- a) A letter dated August 13, 1005, from Ms. Keiko Ito regarding Donation of Peace Pole is attached and refers.
- b) A letter dated August 11, 2005, from Jeremy Gilley, Director, Producer, Writer regarding September 21, World Peace Day is attached and refers.
- c) A letter dated September 20, 2005, from Canadian Students for Darfur Government, requesting to appear before the Committee, is attached and refers.

3. New Business

4. Enquiries and Other Matters

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, November 28, 2005
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room

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NOTE FROM MEETING COORDINATOR:

This is a reminder that under section 160 of the Vancouver Charter, all committees of Council shall stand discharged immediately before the first Monday after December 1 in the year of a general local election.

Report to City of Vancouver
Peace and Justice Committee
From
Public Participation Sub-Committee
September 15, 2005

1. VSB -2006 WPF Flags
2. VSB – WPF Workgroup
3. International Peace Education Conference
4. Vancouver Parks and Recreation

The WPF has approved that one of the flags produced by the children for the 2005, One Year Countdown Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall be selected as the official flag for the 2006 WPF. Roseamelia Andrade is setting up a selection process on the WPF website for this purpose. Sam is working with WPF staff of this project.

The VSB is setting up a representative WPF Workgroup that will continue the Peace Education work started last year. Some of the projected work would include, but not be limited to, the following: designing and selecting up to six, WPF 2006 street banner that would be displayed from on Cambie Street from City Hall to BC Place Stadium; working with local Business Improvement Association to have student designed WPF2006, Peace Banners displayed in all 18 Vancouver neighborhoods; as well students would be encouraged to showcase their other Peace Education projects such as, choral, orchestral, dance artistic, literary, drama in their communities. David Askew and Sam Fillipoff are volunteer members on the VSB, WPF Workgroup.

The BC Teachers' Federation has undertaken the responsibility of organizing an International Peace Education Conference to coincide with the 2006 WPF. The BCTF has allocated \$50, 000, a full time staff position, office space, publication and communication facilities, and a twenty person workgroup for this project. They have also secured the cooperation of all the other Teacher Unions across Canada, the Canadian Teachers' Federation and the Education International for this task. 2000 delegates are expected to attend: 1000 from Canada and North America and 1000 from the rest of the globe. A program is being planned around the theme: "Educating a Generation to Create a Culture of Peace." Teacher Organizations from across BC and Canada are contributing funds to fund educators from the South to attend this IPEC. Sam Fillipoff was appointed to be on the BCTF, IPEC Planning Committee as a retired teacher.

Sam has arranged to lead a 2006 WPF Program at the Kitsilano Community Centre starting October 27 to December 1. There will be six weekly, 2 hour sessions from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The leading question that will addressed is; "How can Community Centres groups organize to support the activities of the WPF 2006 throughout Vancouver?" Please obtain a copy of the Fall 2005, West Side Recreation Guide for further details. He is asking for co-facilitators from the P&J

Committee to help him with this program for each of the six sessions. As well, he has arranged for WPF staff to make a presentation to a meeting of all Vancouver Community Centre Programmers on September 29, 2005. They will be addressing the same question posed for Kitsilano.

Peace Commitee.

August 13, 2005

Ms. Keiko Ito

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Japan

To whom it may concern
The Mayor's Office
City of Vancouver

Dear Sirs,

Re: Donation of Peace Pole May Peace Prevail on Earth ·

My name is Ms. Keiko Ito, Japanese living in Tokyo, Japan. I am seeking opportunity to donate a peace pole "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in Vancouver. Last time when I was in Vancouver 5 years ago, I was impressed with the beauty of the city and history of the First Nations. I have brought a peace pole with me at this time. To pray for the world peace and peace in Vancouver I would be very much appreciated if you could plant the pole at your venue or anywhere you think suitable.

Peace Pole planting is meant to bring people and communities together in the spirit of peace. More than 200,000 poles have been planted all over the world. For further information, please visit:

<http://worldpeace.org>

<http://goipeace.org>

I am not a member of the above organizations, but I think the concept is what I agree and beautiful.

The length of the pole is about 2 meters and 7kgs. On the pole, "May Peace Prevail on Earth" is written with four languages., namely English, French, Japanese and Haida.

I am looking forward to hearing from you the soonest.

With warmest regards,



Ms. Keiko Ito

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11th August 2005



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Dear Mayor Campbell

I am writing to draw your attention to the unanimous adoption by UN member states of UN GA Resolution 55/282 (please see enclosed), establishing September 21 as an annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence – World Peace Day. The feature length documentary film Peace One Day, of which I am Director/Producer/Writer, inspired and documented the Day's creation and includes meetings with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Shimon Peres, the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States Amre Moussa, UNHCHR Mary Robinson and many others.

I would like to warmly invite the participation of the city of Vancouver (and twin/sister cities) on World Peace Day in accordance with GA UN Resolution 55/282. I have enclosed here a letter from M. Grouard the Mayor of Orléans (France) who, as you will see, has committed to a commemoration in Orléans on September 21; indeed a motion to this effect was unanimously passed by the city council earlier this year.

Our commitment is to inform the global community of the Day's existence. The Peace One Day film, produced in association with the BBC, has already been seen by millions of people worldwide with national broadcasts in thirteen countries and via twenty-three international film festivals so far.

The sequel to the Peace One Day film, once again supported by the BBC and already set for global distribution, is focusing on the global awareness raising process and the manifestation of practical, even life-saving initiatives on the Day. I would be delighted to publicly highlight in this second film any commemoration of World Peace Day in your city.

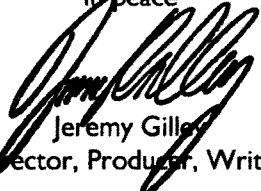
Recognising the extensive lead-time required for the organisation of such activities it may be that you see particular merit in using September 21, 2005 as a platform from which to announce a more significant commitment for September 21, 2006, forming the culmination of our second film. I would like to add that I would be honoured if you would like to screen the first Peace One Day on or around September 21, 2005 to help build a consensus for a 2006 commemoration.

All commitments for the Day will be posted on the website www.peaceoneday.org allowing interested parties to find out about local, regional and national commemorations, and ultimately be inspired to become involved. The website holds the archive of reported activities for Sept. 21, 2002/3/4.

Thank you for your consideration. This letter (and enclosures) has been sent to some 300 mayors worldwide. I very much hope that mayoral activity worldwide will soon form the bedrock of this annual day of global unity, as World Peace Day, September 21 is envisioned to become.

I look forward to hearing from you and remain

Respectfully yours
In peace



Jeremy Gillor
Director, Producer, Writer

Mayor Larry W. Campbell
Vancouver

Fifty-fifth session
Agenda item 33

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/55/L.95 and Add.1)]

55/282. International Day of Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/67 of 30 November 1981, by which it declared that the third Tuesday of September, the opening day of the regular sessions of the General Assembly, shall be officially proclaimed and observed as International Day of Peace and shall be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples,

Recalling also its other relevant resolutions, including resolution 55/14 of 3 November 2000,

Reaffirming the contribution that the observance and celebration of the International Day of Peace makes in strengthening the ideals of peace and alleviating tensions and causes of conflict,

Considering the unique opportunity it offers for a cessation of violence and conflict throughout the world, and the related importance of achieving the broadest possible awareness and observance of the International Day of Peace among the global community,

Desiring to draw attention to the objectives of the International Day of Peace, and therefore to fix a date for its observance each year that is separate from the opening day of the regular sessions of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* that, with effect from the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, the International Day of Peace shall be observed on 21 September each year, with this date to be brought to the attention of all people for the celebration and observance of peace;
2. *Declares* that the International Day of Peace shall henceforth be observed as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, an invitation to all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day;
3. *Invites* all member states, organizations of the United Nations system, regional and non-governmental organizations and individuals to commemorate, in an appropriate manner, the International Day of Peace, including through education and public awareness, and to cooperate with the United Nations in the establishment of the global ceasefire.

111th Plenary meeting
7th September 2001



Le Maire d'Orléans

Député du Loiret

Contact: Julien DELAMAERE
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Tuesday 2nd August 2005

Dear Lady Mayoress, Dear Lord Mayor.

During the Annual General Assembly of the United Nations on September 7th 2001, it was decided under resolution 55/282 that an International Day of Peace would be observed each year on September 21st. It was declared that the International Day of Peace would be observed throughout the world as a day of ceasefire and non violence, during which all the nations and peoples of the planet would be invited to stop hostilities. This resolution was a commitment of the Member States, the United Nations' Organisations, regional and non governmental organisations, and also individuals, to celebrate the International Day of Peace as was intended, via methods of educational activities and increasing awareness, thus working, in cooperation with the United Nations, towards the setting up of a worldwide ceasefire.

This resolution is the outcome of nine long years of relentless determination from a young English man, Jeremy GILLEY, who willingly travelled the world in order to convince different nations to support this project.

I personally met Mr GILLEY in Orléans, and spent some time with him after having watched "PEACE ONE DAY", the film he and his team made during the years he was travelling. This documentary strikingly reveals what the will and determination of one man can achieve when the convictions are strong and the cause is just.

Following my intention, the City of Orléans has decided to actively support Mr GILLEY's wish that the resolution does not remain a text, but becomes a series of concrete events.

During the Municipal Council on February 25th, the City of Orléans voted unanimously to adopt a motion of support with this in mind. Our city will officially celebrate the International Day of Peace this year.

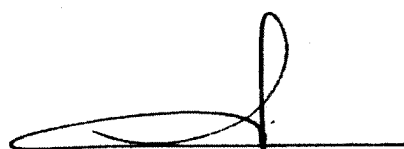
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I am contacting you today, in the hope that you are sensitive to this fine ambition, and that it will be possible, with your support and action, to enable this project to expand.

In this way, on September 21st 2006, several million men and women will be able to celebrate this International Day of Peace, in the spirit of resolution 55/282.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop on the right side and a horizontal line extending to the left, crossing under the loop.

Serge GROUARD



Le Maire d'Orléans

Député du Loiret

Affaire suivie par Julien DELAMAERE
jdelamaere@ville-orleans.fr

Orléans, le 29 mars 2001

Madame, Monsieur le Maire,

L'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies, dans sa résolution 55/282 en date du 7 septembre 2001, a décidé que la Journée internationale de la paix serait observée chaque année le 21 septembre. L'Assemblée générale a déclaré que la Journée internationale de la paix serait observée comme une journée mondiale de cessez-le-feu et de non violence, pendant la durée de laquelle toutes les nations et tous les peuples seraient invités à cesser les hostilités. Elle a engagé les Etats Membres, les organisations des Nations Unies, les organisations régionales et non gouvernementales et les particuliers à célébrer comme il convient la Journée internationale de la paix, y compris au moyen d'activités d'éducation et de sensibilisation, et à œuvrer, de concert avec l'Organisation des Nations Unies, à l'établissement d'un cessez-le-feu mondial.

Cette résolution est l'aboutissement de 9 longues années d'acharnement d'un jeune Anglais, Jeremy GILLEY, qui n'a pas hésité à parcourir le monde afin de convaincre les nations de soutenir ce projet.

J'ai personnellement longuement rencontré Monsieur GILLEY à Orléans, après avoir visionné le film « PEACE ONE DAY », tourné par son équipe durant les années de son parcours. Ce documentaire expose de façon éclatante ce que volonté et acharnement d'un homme seul peuvent faire lorsque les convictions sont fortes et la cause juste.

A mon initiative, la Ville d'Orléans a souhaité soutenir activement son vœu que la résolution ne reste pas un texte, mais se traduise par des manifestations concrètes.

Lors de la séance de son Conseil municipal du 25 février dernier, la Ville d'Orléans a donc adopté, à l'unanimité, une motion de soutien en ce sens. Notre ville va officiellement célébrer cette année la Journée internationale de la paix.

J'ai aujourd'hui souhaité vous en entretenir car j'espère que vous serez sensible à cette belle et grande ambition et qu'il sera possible, avec votre soutien et votre action, de permettre à ce projet de grandir.

Ainsi, le 21 septembre 2006, plusieurs millions d'hommes et de femmes dans le monde pourront célébrer ensemble, dans l'esprit de la résolution 55/282, cette journée internationale de la paix.

Dans cette attente, je vous prie de croire, Madame, Monsieur le Maire, à l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

Serge GROUARD

Salmon, Denise

From: Bengston, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2005 9:18 AM
To: 'Michael H. Hejazi'
Subject: RE: Dear Peace and Justice Comittee of Vancouver

Thank you for your email which has been forwarded to the attention of the Meeting Coordinator for the Peace & Justice Meeting Committee.

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael H. Hejazi [mailto:michaelhejazi@shaw.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2005 7:31 AM
To: peace.committee@vancouver.ca; Clement Abas Apaak; david.cadman@vancouver.ca;
ellen.woodsworth@vancouver.ca; mmasongsong@hotmail.com
Subject: Dear Peace and Justice Comittee of Vancouver

Re: Canadian Students for Darfur Application to Present to Committee - Vancouver Civic Government

Dear Co-chairs and members of the Peace and Justice Committee of Vancouver,

Starting in early October our national organization will be applying ourselves to the civic level of government for community based support of our efforts. We will be presenting to the civic governments of Coquitlam, Port Coquitam and Port Moody. With civic endorsements from these governments we wish to move forward and appeal to Vancouver for support. Seeing as how we cannot appeal directly to the Vancouver city council, can we apply to present to your committee a pre-drafted proposal and series of background information about the humanitarian crisis in Darfur sometime in late October or early November? I look forward to your response.

You can find out more about CSFDarfur at <http://www.csfdarfur.net> or by calling 604.268.6564

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