

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

JULY 24, 2006

A meeting of the Peace and Justice Committee was held on Monday, July 24, 2006, at 4:30 p.m., in the Strathcona Meeting Room, Sub-Ground, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Gail Davidson, Co-Chair  
Thomas Anthony  
David Askew  
Councillor David Cadman, Vice-Chair  
Amanda Camley  
Ivan Bulic  
Sam Phillipoff  
Christy Mori

ABSENT: Trustee Colin Hansen, Vancouver School Board (Civic Business)  
Lizz Lindsay  
Cara Ng  
John Price  
Peter Prontzos  
Noha Sedky, Co-Chair  
Al Wong

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

**"IN CAMERA" MEETING**

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Sam Phillipoff

THAT Committee will go into a meeting later this day which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for an award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the city on condition of anonymity;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*The Committee recessed at this point in the proceedings to convene In Camera, and reconvened at 4:40 p.m. with the same members present.*

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**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2006, were approved as circulated.

**Vary Agenda**

The Committee agreed to vary the Agenda to deal with Item 3 following Item 2.a. and add an Item of New Business regarding the Council-approved recommendations of the Roles, Relationship and Responsibilities Review Committee. The minutes are set out in agenda order for clarity.

## 1. Sub-Committee Updates/Reports

### a. Citizens' Peace Award Sub-Committee

The Committee, at its In Camera meeting on July 24, 2006, unanimously agreed to recommend to Council that Dr. Jennifer Simons be honoured with the 2006 Vancouver Citizens' Peace Award.

### b. Hiroshima Day Sub-Committee

#### i) Proclamation

David Laskey, Co-ordinator of the Hiroshima Day Committee, referred to his email circulated to Committee members, wherein he proposed the City again be requested to issue a Proclamation of Hiroshima Day. Mr. Laskey advised the Mayor's Office has now prepared the Proclamation, and Deputy Mayor Deal will attend the Powell Street Festival ceremonies and read the Proclamation on Sunday the 6th of August 2006.

#### ii) Kinuko Laskey Bronze Bust

Committee members noted the memorial bronze bust of the late Kinuko Laskey, survivor of the atomic bomb blast in Hiroshima, has yet to be installed. Councillor Cadman provided a brief history of the project, and noted Mr. Laskey presented the duplicate bust to the Hibakusha survivors who had attended the World Peace Forum.

The Committee agreed Seaforth Peace Park would be a suitable location for the bust.

MOVED by Sam Phillipoff,  
SECONDED by Tom Anthony,

THAT the Peace and Justice Committee request Council to accept a bronze bust of the late Kinuko Laskey, a survivor of the Hiroshima nuclear bomb on August 6th, 1945, and in consultation with the Park Board, have it placed at the Seaforth Peace Park; and

FURTHER THAT Council give consideration to a commemorative ceremony, in conjunction with the 2006 Vancouver's Citizens' Peace Award, with Mr. Laskey invited to the ceremony.

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### c. Justice Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

### d. Peace and Justice WebSite Sub-Committee

No report at this time.

**e. Public Participation Sub-Committee**

Sam Fillipoff provided an update on the status of the Peace Banner project, wherein selected street banner designs from five secondary school students were to have been displayed along Cambie Street, from City Hall to the Cambie Bridge during the World Peace Forum.

Mr. Fillipoff advised the banners did not come to fruition, but rather, laminated posters, cards, and book marks were sold at the World Peace Forum Market Place, with framed prints of the selected designs given to Dr. Simmons as a thank you for her work, and also to World Peace Forum volunteers as tokens of appreciation for their contribution to the event.

**f. Arms Race Sub-Committee**

No report at this time.

**2. Report from Volgograd Meeting**

Councillor Cadman provided a verbal report on his trip to Volgograd.

**3. World Peace Forum**

**a. Appeals for Peace**

Councillor Cadman referenced the following two documents (circulated at the meeting and on file):

- the "Vancouver Appeal" made by the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities; and
- the World Peace Forum 2006 "Vancouver Appeal for Peace 2006: Make Peace!".

Committee members agreed to forward these appeals to Vancouver City Council for endorsement.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman  
SECONDED by Sam Fillipoff

THAT the Peace and Justice Committee request Council to endorse:

- The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities Vancouver Appeal, (attached as Appendix A); and
- The World Peace Forum 2006 Vancouver Appeal for Peace 2006: Make Peace!, (attached as Appendix B).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**b. World Peace Forum**

The Committee recognized the financial support from the City of Vancouver, and the work of the World Peace Forum Society in bringing the 2006 World Peace Forum to Vancouver successfully and on budget. Ivan Bulic advised he would prepare a congratulatory letter, on behalf of the Committee, to the Society.

MOVED by Ivan Bulic,  
SECONDED by Tom Anthony,

- A. THAT the Peace and Justice Committee thank and acknowledge the work of the World Peace Forum Society and its staff and volunteers in the successful organization and delivery of the Vancouver World Peace Forum 2006.
- B. THAT the Peace and Justice Committee thank Council for its financial support and request Council thank and acknowledge the work of the World Peace Forum Society and its staff and volunteers in the successful organization and delivery of the Vancouver World Peace Forum 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ivan Bulic,  
SECONDED by Tom Anthony,

THAT, based upon the positive impact locally, nationally and internationally of Vancouver's World Peace Forum 2006, the Peace and Justice Committee recommend to Council that the City of Vancouver continue to participate in the next World Peace Forum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ivan Bulic,  
SECONDED by Tom Anthony,

- A. WHEREAS the City of Vancouver provided funding for the organization of the 2006 World Peace Forum; and

WHEREAS the GVRD voted unanimously to host the Association of Peace Messenger Cities and the Mayors for Peace; and

WHEREAS Vancouver is a Peace Messenger City and has also declared itself to be a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone; and

WHEREAS Vancouver has established itself as a City of Peace;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee recommend to Council that the City proclaim the Vancouver Appeal for Peace

2006 (Appendix B) at its earliest possible convenience and make a copy for each school, community center, library and other civic organizations who participated in the 2006 World Peace Forum held in Vancouver from June 23 to 28; and

FURTHER THAT the City of Vancouver urge the member municipalities in the GVRD who supported the hosting of the World Peace Forum 2006 to make similar proclamations in their cities and distribute the Appeal for Peace to their schools, community centres, libraries and other civic organizations who participated in the 2006 World Peace Forum.

- B. WHEREAS 2001-2010 is the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World, as declared by the United Nations, and

WHEREAS Vancouver is host city for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Peace and Justice Committee recommend to Council that the City organize and stage a cultural showcase involving children and citizens that underscores the importance of the Olympic Truce in the promotion and creation of a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the children of the World.

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#### 4. New Business

##### a. Report of the Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee

Ivan Bulic provided the Committee with highlights from Council's decision on the Report of the Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Review Committee, with specific note in regard to the Code of Conduct. The Committee agreed on the need for a sub-committee to look at the Council-approved motions, for report back to the September meeting of the Peace and Justice Committee.

MOVED by Ivan Bulic,  
SECONDED by Amanda Camley,

THAT a Code of Conduct Sub-Committee be struck, with Thomas Anthony, Amanda Camley, Christy Mori (Chair), David Askew and Gail Davidson as members.

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#### 5. Enquiries and Other Matters

None.

The Committee adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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