

NOTICE OF MEETING
PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

DATE: Monday, May 30, 2005

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

PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall

PLEASE NOTE:

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***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 March 14, 2005, to be adopted.

1. Public Participation Invitee

Miriam Palacios of Oxfam BC, will make a brief presentation on the subject of Fair Trade and Justice.

2. Sub-Committee Updates/Reports

a. Citizen Peace Award Sub-Committee

The attached New Release dated April 25, 2005, refers.

b. Hiroshima Day Sub-Committee

c. Justice Sub-Committee

d. Peace and Justice WebSite Sub-Committee

e. Public Participation Sub-Committee

Millennium Youth Park

Attached, for the Committee's information is an extract from the minutes of the April 14, 2005, meeting of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets.

f. Star Wars Agenda Sub-Committee

g. World Peace Forum Sub-Committee

Attached, for the Committee's information, is an extract from the minutes of March 31, 2005, meeting of the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets. Also attached is a Press Release dated April 1, 2005, from the World Peace Forum Society.

3. World Peace Research Centre

At the Committee's March meeting, Councillor Woodsworth advised she would bring forward to the next meeting a resolution regarding the World Peace Research Centre. John Price will provide the Committee with an update.

4. Council Resolutions

The following motions from the March 29, 2005, Regular meeting of Council are attached for the Committee's information:

- a) Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
- b) Ballistic Missiles

5. Correspondence

- a) An email letter dated April 5, 2005, from Harry Frazee.
- b) A letter received in the City Clerk's Office on April 11, 2005, from Scot and Sandra Campbell, expressing interest in the Committee's work.
- c) A letter dated April 13, 2005, from Michael C Hansen regarding a healing centre for Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

- d) An email letter dated May 12, 2005, from Bbosa K.M. Billy, Director - STAR regarding an introduction and request for relations and resources.
- e) A letter dated May 9, 2005, from Greg F. Lee, PhD. President, Capilano College offering to help with the World Peace Forum.

6. New Business

7. Enquiries and Other Matters

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, July 25, 2005
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall

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April 25, 2005

'Raging Grannies' to receive Vancouver Citizen Peace Award

The Vancouver Raging Grannies have been selected to receive the 2004 Vancouver Citizen Peace Award.

The award recognizes citizens who contribute to the cause of peace at the community level through leadership, a commitment towards serving the community and a willingness to devote time, energy and effort to the promotion of peace and disarmament. It will be presented at the regularly scheduled meeting of City Council:

Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 3:45 pm
Council Chamber
Third Floor, City Hall
453 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver

"Our elders' voice speaks through with wisdom and humour in the infectious and often hilarious work of the Raging Grannies," said Councillor Ellen Woodsworth, vice-chair of the City of Vancouver's Peace and Justice Committee.

For 17 years, the Vancouver Raging Grannies have encouraged Vancouverites to become more informed and engaged in environmental, social justice and civic causes. The mostly senior women's group unique presentation style includes dressing up in "suffragette" costumes, writing their own peace-inspired lyrics to popular songs, and signing their message at peace demonstrations and civic events.

The Vancouver Citizen Peace Award was first established in 1990. It was discontinued in 1995, and resumed on October 7, 2003. The Award is co-sponsored by Vancouver City Council and the United Nations Association in Canada.

Media enquiries:
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Co-Chair, Peace and Justice Committee
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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2005, MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS

3. Central Valley Greenway Development - Consultant Services (File 5767)

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on April 12, 2005, referred consideration of this matter to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on April 14, 2005, in order to hear from speakers.

Accordingly, the Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated March 1, 2005, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council's approval to enter into an agreement with PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc. for the design and construction management of the Central Valley Greenway (CVG) Sections 1, 2 and 3. The General Manager of Engineering Services also submitted for consideration an option which would include a traffic closure on Grandview Highway North between Clark Drive and Commercial Drive should Council not support staff's recommendation that this section remain open to traffic.

Doug Smith, Structures and Greenways Engineer, provided an overview of the report and explained the implications should Council decide to pursue a traffic closure on Grandview Highway North between Clark Drive and Commercial Drive. Mr. Smith, together with Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, Ian Adam, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, and Jim Hall, Neighbourhood Transportation Engineer, responded to questions concerning the implications related to a traffic closure on this section of Grandview Highway North, in particular the other projects that will need to be deferred in order to accommodate this project, public consultation, traffic diversion issues and whether the traffic calming plan could be delayed until the impacts have been determined.

The following spoke in favour of a traffic closure on Grandview Highway North, between Clark Drive and Commercial Drive:

Matt Townsend
Sam Phillipoff
Jack Becker, Director, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition (VACC)
Jill Smith, Director, Grandview Woodlands Area Council (GWAC)

A summary of speakers' comments follows:

- Grandview-Woodlands is a high-density area with no real park space except for the school grounds; out of the 18 communities in Vancouver, Grandview-Woodlands is second from the bottom in terms of park space;
- ask that Council defeat Recommendation E and approve an enriched and enhanced Recommendation F that would not only include Engineering staff but representatives from the School Board, Parks Board, Grandview-Woodlands community, the Urban Transportation Showcase Program and others who would begin a planning process that would best meet the needs of this inner-city community;

- VACC strongly recommends Council not support Recommendation E and, instead, support Recommendation F which will include a traffic closure on Grandview Highway North between Clark Drive and Commercial Drive; and
- Grandview Highway North is just a funnel for traffic cutting through this neighbourhood - creating a park and recreational facilities would be a better use of the land.

During the hearing of speakers, staff responded to additional questions concerning the implications of closing this section of Grandview Highway North to traffic, previous community consultation on this matter, funding issues and whether other agencies such as TransLink could cost-share in the traffic calming plan. In response to questions, Mr. Adam agreed to provide a list of Neighbourhood Transportation projects and their priorities as part of staff's report back.

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
 THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in B, C, and D below, a Professional Services Agreement be entered into with PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc. to provide design development, design, costing and construction management services for the planned Central Valley Greenway Sections 1, 2, and 3 at a total cost of \$433,020 (plus any applicable GST and PST) with funding provided from the Street Basic Capital Account CB2EA6D.
- B. THAT the required Professional Services Agreement is to be in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services and General Manager of Engineering Services.
- C. THAT upon approval of the Professional Services Agreement pursuant to Recommendation B above, the Director of Legal Services and General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to execute and deliver same on behalf of City Council.
- D. THAT no services are to be provided by PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc. and no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until the Professional Services Agreement has been executed and delivered by the City and PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc.
- E. THAT the Central Valley Greenway public process and design proceed on the basis that a traffic closure on Grandview Highway North between Clark Drive and Commercial Drive be considered and that staff report back on what work items would be deferred to accommodate this work and that the community consultation include the Grandview-Woodland community, the Park Board, Engineering Services, the School Board and the Grandview/ʔUuqinak'uuh Elementary School; and

FURTHER THAT Council ask the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority to share in the costs of this work.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bass

THAT Recommendation E be amended by deleting the words "FURTHER THAT Council ask the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority to share in the costs of this work".

CARRIED
(Councillor Louis opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Bass

THAT Recommendation E be amended by replacing the words "considered and that" with "included subject to a".

CARRIED
(Councillors Louie, Stevenson and the Mayor opposed)

MOVED by Councillor Green

THAT the question be put on the pending motion, as amended.

LOST HAVING NOT RECEIVED THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Councillors Bass, Ladner, Louie, Sullivan and the Mayor opposed)

MOTION AS AMENDED
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendations B, C, and D of the Administrative Report dated March 1, 2005, entitled "Central Valley Greenway Development - Consultant Services", a Professional Services Agreement be entered into with PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc. to provide design development, design, costing and construction management services for the planned Central Valley Greenway Sections 1, 2, and 3 at a total cost of \$433,020 (plus any applicable GST and PST) with funding provided from the Street Basic Capital Account CB2EA6D.**
- B. THAT the required Professional Services Agreement is to be in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services and General Manager of Engineering Services.**
- C. THAT upon approval of the Professional Services Agreement pursuant to Recommendation B above, the Director of Legal Services and General Manager of Engineering Services be authorized to execute and deliver same on behalf of City Council.**
- D. THAT no services are to be provided by PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc. and no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until the Professional Services Agreement has been executed and delivered by the City and PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc.**

- E. THAT the Central Valley Greenway public process and design proceed on the basis that a traffic closure on Grandview Highway North between Clark Drive and Commercial Drive be included subject to a staff report back on what work items would be deferred to accommodate this work and that the community consultation include the Grandview-Woodland community, the Park Board, Engineering Services, the School Board and the Grandview/ʔUuqinak'uuuh Elementary School.

CARRIED

(Councillors Green, Louie, Stevenson and the Mayor opposed to E.)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MARCH 31, 2005

**EXTRACT FROM REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITY SERVICES AND BUDGETS
MARCH 31, 2005**

- 1.(a) World Peace Forum 2006 Funding Request (File 3120-1)**
- 1.(b) World Peace Forum 2006 Report from Joint Steering Committee (File 3120-1)**

Items 1 (a) and 1 (b) were dealt with concurrently and have been minuted together for ease of reference.

Council had before it an Administrative Report dated March 23, 2005, in which the City Manager provided Council with the findings and analysis of the funding proposal submitted by the World Peace Forum Society. The City Manager had been instructed by Council to contract a feasibility study on the City's involvement in holding a World Peace Forum in conjunction with the World Urban Forum in 2006. The report provided an overview of the research and analysis from the feasibility study and other considerations by City staff.

Council also had before it an Other Report dated March 16, 2005, from the Joint Steering Committee: City of Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee and World Peace Forum Society that provided the background of, rationale for, and evolving plans to host the World Peace Forum 2006 in Vancouver, June 23 - 28, 2006. The report sought Council's endorsement of the World Peace Forum 2006 based upon information provided in the report.

The City Manager submitted both reports for Council's consideration.

Wendy Au, Manager, Special Projects, provided Council with an overview of the staff report, and introduced Suzanne Christensen and Stacey LeBlanc from Ideas Work Consulting, who had prepared the feasibility report for the City Manager. The consultants responded to questions related to liability issues, their involvement in the World Peace Forum Society's three day planning session at UBC in November and provided their suggestions on requirements for the Forum to successfully move forward, with focus on the need for development of a fund raising plan.

The following members of the Joint Steering Committee provided Council with comments related to the positive legacy of promoting world peace and the critical role that Vancouver can play with the World Urban Forum in conjunction with the World Peace Forum 2006, both scheduled for Vancouver as back to back major international Forums in June of 2006:

Jef Keighley (brief filed)
Thekla Lit (brief filed)
Ian Mass
Nola-Kate Seymoar
Jennifer Simons (brief filed)

Sam Fillipoff, Peace and Justice Committee member, introduced Alison Diesvelt, a teacher at Trudeau Elementary School, who coordinated a flag design project in which twelve Vancouver schools participated. Four children who participated in the project shared their thoughts on peace with Council.

The following registered speakers spoke in support of the World Peace Forum, and urged Council to approve the recommendations contained in the Joint Steering Committee's report:

Victor Chan, Dalai Lama Centre for Peace and Education
Gini Sims, President, BC Teachers' Federation
Lillian To, Executive Director SUCCESS
Grant Hanson (material filed)
Barry Cooke, Director, Multifaith Action Society

Councillor Cadman noted he wished to move a motion. The Chair suggested if remaining speakers were in support and concur, Council could proceed to a vote without hearing from the remaining 19 registered speakers.

Lynne DeCew, Vice-President, Marketing, Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre, noted 2006 marks the 50th anniversary of the Vancouver Aquarium, and expressed concern with potential space conflicts with the World Peace Forum during 2006 related to the flying of banners for these events.

Ian Adam, Assistant City Engineer, Transportation, acknowledged the great deal of interest in banner locations for next year, and suggested the report back, as put forward in Councillor Cadman's motion, would help address this matter and hopefully meet the needs of all.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. That Council approve a one time grant of funding of \$150,000 to the World Peace Forum, source of funding to be the 2005 Contingency Reserve. The grant funding to be released once other funding identified in their budget is in place, and in a phased manner as set out in B, C and D below.
- B. That Council approve \$50,000 to be available April 1st, 2005 to cover specific contract costs of the World Peace Forum 2006, in particular venue rental costs. It is understood that this will release \$350,000 worth of funding from the Simons Foundation.
- C. That the next \$50,000 be released on Council approval of a detailed budget, fundraising plan and program plan, and on the condition that an additional \$200,000 worth of funding is secured.
- D. That the final \$50,000 be released on Council approval on the condition that an additional \$500,000 worth of funding is secured.
- E. That Council host a general assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, and host a joint meeting of representatives from the International Peace Messenger Cities, Mayors for Peace and Cities for Peace in association with the World Urban Forum and the World Peace Forum at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 subject to further Council approval as part of the 2006 budget considerations.

- F. That Council instruct staff to work with the Mayor's office and report back on a comprehensive plan and budget needs in hosting the general assembly and joint meeting of the International Peace Messengers Cities, Mayors for Peace and Cities for Peace.
- G. That Council request the City's Banner Committee consider themes related to the World Urban Forum and Peace and Justice and report back to Council with recommendations on appropriate themes for City banners in 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Salmon, Denise

From: Tania Aguila [admin@worldpeaceforum.ca]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2005 10:15 AM
To: admin@worldpeaceforum.ca
Subject: World Peace Forum 2006 Press Release

World Peace Forum Society
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Tel: 604 687-3223 – Fax: 604 687-3277 – Email admin@worldpeaceforum.ca

Friday, April 1, 2005

Press Release
 For Immediate Release

Vancouver City Embraces World Peace Forum 2006

Vancouver City Council unanimously embraced the World Peace Forum 2006 at Thursday's Council meeting following thoughtful and impassioned presentations by the organizers of the Forum and numerous supporters. The City approved funding the Forum in three stages of \$50,000 each, beginning April 1, 2005.

The World Peace Forum 2006, scheduled for June 23 - 28, 2006, is anticipated to attract thousands of civic politicians, peace and sustainability activists from around the world under the theme "Cities and Communities: Working together to End War and Build a Peaceful, Just and Sustainable World". Jef Keighley of the World Peace Forum Society said "We live in perilous times. Cities and local authorities, acting with community support, can effectively contest global militarism and ballooning military budgets which starve local and regional governments of the resources necessary to provide quality housing, health, education and community services. The challenge is to coordinate the networks of civic and social movements to work towards a peaceful, just and sustainable world, city by city, expanding to nations and internationally."

Already eight national and international organizations have planned their meetings and conferences in Vancouver to around the World Peace Forum 2006 with five other gatherings under consideration. Together with the Forum the economic boost of these major meetings in Vancouver on the regional tourist economy will be substantial in addition to raising Vancouver's international profile as a City of Peace, compassion and sustainability.

The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) of the World Peace Forum Society and the City of Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee organized hundreds of emails to Council members encouraging their support. Speaker after speaker spoke of Vancouver's positive legacy of promoting world peace and the of the critical role that Vancouver can play with the World Urban Forum in conjunction with the World Peace Forum 2006, both scheduled for Vancouver as back to back major international Forums in June of 2006.

Nola-Kate Seymoar, President of the International Centre for Sustainable Cities and a member of the JSC concluded her remarks encouraging leadership from Vancouver City Council saying "I wish to reiterate something self-evident, without peace and justice, sustainability is impossible. June 2006 offers a unique opportunity to bring together the sustainability and peace movements with a focus on cities and communities. I hope you will seize the day and that together we may hold an event that moves people's hearts and minds!"

Jennifer Simons, President of the Simons Foundation whose generous start-up grant of \$100,000 allowed for the development of the World Peace Forum 2006 proposal, pointed out "Peace begins in one's own back yard, and in order to build a sustainable world peace we need to begin in our communities. Vancouver is an ethnically diverse city and the ideal place to host the World Peace Forum to initiate concepts for the creation of sustainable peaceful, local and global community, through peace education, consciousness raising and all the participatory activities that are democratic and educational in nature. We believe that holding the World Peace Forum will be a positive step towards the kind of world we want to live in." Ms. Simons went on to say that she was so impressed with the integrity and level of organizing of the Forum to date that she was prepared to recommend that the Simons Foundation release the additional

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\$350,000 to the World Peace Forum 2006 regardless of Council's decision.

Following the World Peace Forum 2006 presentation numerous Friends of the Forum spoke strongly in support of the City backing the global gathering including Victor Chan from the Dalai Lama Centre for Peace and Education, Lillian To - Executive Director of SUCCESS, Jinny Sims - President of the B.C. Teachers' Federation and Barry Cooke - Director of the Multifaith Action Society. The best judged 'peace flag' artwork from twelve Vancouver elementary schools, as voted on by the entire student body of each of the schools, were on display in Council chambers throughout the presentation displaying the creativity and compassion of the coming generation. But it was five students from Pierre Trudeau Elementary School who stole the show speaking to Council members about their views of peace, fairness and the future, theirs and ours.

Council chambers exploded in applause in thanks as Vancouver City Council members voted unanimously to put substance to last year's endorsement in principle of the Forum. Council's support gives the World Peace Forum 2006 the green light it needs to go forward, to hire staff, develop detailed planning in the weeks and months ahead and invite the world to Vancouver to attend the World Peace Forum 2006, June 23 - 28, 2006.

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For further information please contact Jef Keighley 604 469-0346 (h), 778 999-1950 or Ruth Herman 604 874-1089 (h) or 604 838-0066 (c).

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 29, 2005
MOTION B.3

3. Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (File 3506)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

WHEREAS:

1. As long as nuclear weapons exist, cities around the world will be vulnerable to instantaneous devastation on a scale exceeding even that experienced by Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945; and
2. Nuclear war would devastate many cities, an accidental missile launch would devastate several cities, and use of a nuclear weapon by terrorists would devastate a city; and
3. Any nuclear attack would obliterate City Hall and all emergency response mechanisms rendering any city "planning" for such a disaster utterly futile; and
4. The world's foremost line of defence against nuclear dangers in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) which is currently in its seventh review cycle, with all parties to the treaty scheduled to meet next May to ensure that the treaty is being fully implemented; and
5. All other weapons of mass destruction have been prohibited by international agreement and are being eliminated under international control, and the nuclear-weapon states party to the NPT have undertaken to pursue negotiations in good faith on nuclear disarmament; and
6. The International Court of Justice unanimously found in 1996 that all states were obliged to "bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control;" and
7. The World Conference of Mayors for Peace has launched an international campaign calling on the 2005 NPT Review Conference to launch negotiations on the elimination of nuclear weapons, to be concluded by 2010 and fully implemented by 2020, also known as the 2020 vision; and
8. Weapons of mass destruction have no place in a civilized world; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- 1. THAT the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia support a decision by the 2005 NPT R conference to commence negotiations on the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons and nuclear-weapon-related materials; and circulate this resolution, asking for support and endorsement to the UBCM and FCM member municipalities.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Green absent for the vote)**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 29, 2005
MOTION B.4

4. Ballistic Missiles (File 3120)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

WHEREAS:

1. Attempts to militarize space will inevitably lead to another international arms race; and
2. The resources involved placing weapons in space could better be used to eliminate world poverty, protect the natural world, and to provide for basic human needs such as housing, urban infrastructure, clean environment, among others; and
3. The majority of Canadians, including the people of Vancouver, are opposed to a new arms race, the waste of resources, and the social, political, and economic distortions that would inevitably result from these actions; and
4. The Canadian Government was under intense pressure from both domestic corporate lobbies and from the United States; and
5. The Canadian Government listened to the democratic will of its citizens and refused to sign on to the so-called "Ballistic Missile Defence" program as well as stating its opposition to any militarization of space.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. The City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia congratulate Prime Minister Paul Martin and the Government of Canada on the wise and courageous decision to proceed no further to increase cooperation with the Bush Administration's so-called "Ballistic Missile Defence" program and
2. The City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia urge the Government of Canada to do all within its power to work for arms reduction, the redirection of resources to promote peace, fund human needs, and protect our environment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

From: Carmont, Debra
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2005 8:38 AM
To: 'Harry Frazee'
Subject: RE:

Supports Item No. 5a
P&J Committee Agenda
May 30, 2005

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

Debra Carmont
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-----Original Message-----

From: Harry Frazee [mailto:haf1776@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2005 4:16 PM
To: peace.committee@vancouver.ca
Subject:

Greetings Peace and Justice Committee members

I to am concerned with the fate of human beings. Through a series of circumstances I learned the cause of social distress. I describe social distress in part as poverty amidst real or potential plenty, unemployed workers standing by idle machines while all are in need, homelessness, starvation, welfare, excessive taxation, pollution of our living place, destruction of the environment, deterioration of our cities, towns and the infrastructure, loss of liberty, and strife of every kind ending finally in war. Our posterity, assuming we have one, cannot fail to wonder at our inability to recognize and solve this agonizing problem of social distress.

It is possible that earths peoples can live together in peace and freedom with security while preserving and renewing the environment. There is no longer any valid reason we cannot!

No doubt that seems a presumptuous statement. It is based on the premise that if each family has the opportunity to earn money, to own their home and to fill their basic needs so they can live a gracious life their can be little reason for social distress.

(The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them...Albert Einstein)

Careful study reveals this new friendly society is possible; peace is possible and with the help of people working for it, probable. Oh, but what to do! When the scientific method is applied to this problem the answer, the solution, is always the same: The "conventional financial mechanism," the one in place today in every modern country, wherein "money" is loaned into existence is the cause of social distress. With this system, money has been replaced with debt and evidence of debt. The amount of money keeps increasing while its value perpetually diminishes. The system assures that there is never enough money to go around. Putting it another way...the conventional financial mechanism is designed to cause social distress. No plan for peace that does not include discarding this pernicious system and replacing it with a sound scientific money system has the least chance for success. Imagine a world where money is available for the myriad things that require doing, i.e. fighting disease, renewing the infrastructure, full employment, preserving and rebuilding the environment.

To help understand this financial system we must acquaint ourselves with the nature of mechanisms. This is summed up for us most succinctly by Thomas Paine who believed very firmly in the existence of universal economic laws to which men must conform whether they will or not. "It is not our doing a thing with a certain end in mind that will cause it to produce that end," he says, "the means taken must have a natural ability

and tendency within themselves to produce no other, for it is this, not our wishes or policy, that governs the event. This conclusion is born also born out by scientific investigation (It is fruitful to learn the principals of mechanisms and their role and nature in society. I have that information for those who wish it)

The deplorable situation caused by this financial mechanism was understood by some great leaders. Little if anything is written about this aspect of their thinking in conventional history books. Among them were Solon, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Abraham Lincoln. The facts causing this social distress of which I speak are worked out by Thomas Robertson in his great book "Human Ecology" (The Science of Social Adjustment). The way to this more desirable society has been determined by Fredrick Soddy (Nobel Laureate , Chemistry) in "Wealth, Virtual Wealth and Debt", Olive Cushing Dwinell in "The Story of Our Money", Etta M. Russell in "The Basic Principles of Consitutional Money" Charles and Russell Norburn in "A New Monetary System", Gettrude M. Coogan in "Money Creators", and many others. The work of your organization can be enormous help in furthering the cause of peace. Please, please make every effort to understand this information.

I have prepared a paper on this subject. Anyone interested may contact me by email at haf1776@hotmail.com or at the address listed below. I happily respond to any enquires with detailed information about the way this pernicious system effects us all in so many unsavory ways. I can speak on this subject anytime, anywhere to any number of people. It is always gratifying to find others interest in peace. Warmest personal regards.
Harry Frazee, 17766NE 90th St. Q284, Redmond, WA .98052 USA
You may call me at 425 883-1748

Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee

As there was no person named on the information I received about your group I don't know who to address this letter to,

But I am hopeful that issue will be rectified upon a return letter.

I am writing on behalf of my wife and myself. We are very interested in your Committee and its work for Peace. It seems very interesting that a whole city would be vying for peace at a time in history that so many are in opposition to this issue.


Personally our family is opposed to any conflict resolution that is connected with war or violence of any sort. This has never at any time in history of mankind solved any problem in nations, neighborhoods, or families.

I guess the questions I have, are, how widespread is the peace movement in your city, is it just a group of like minded individuals, or a whole movement of citizens in Vancouver.

We have visited Vancouver and Victoria on a few occasions and were always impressed with both the natural beauty and atmosphere of your area, but more impressed with the mix of different people and cultures living in what seems a harmonious existence together. Does this peace movement also include this cultural diversity or is it the work of one segment of your society. Are there people of all classes of society, poor, middle class, wealthy working together for peace or just again one segment of the populace striving for peace. If you could answer these many questions, and even ask a few of your own in return we would be most appreciative. Also any information you might be able to send us about your work for peace in the City of Vancouver and the surrounding area.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter and again your response would be most welcomed.

Sincerely



P.S. our return address is in the U.S.

Scot and Sandra Campbell

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Farmington, Pennsylvania

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07/01/05 09:54 AM P&J

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Vancouver City Peace and Justice Committee
David Cadman, Chair
c/o City Clerk
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April 13, 2005

Dear David Cadman,

My name is Michael C Hansen, I called and talked to Brett Cardinal from Douglas J Cardinal Architects, Wednesday March 23rd. We talked about the **healing center** for the Vancouver Downtown Eastside. We have a fresh idea for the start of the healing process. Our idea is to use a park that has not been upgraded or put to good use for years. The park interestingly has the same name as u.s.a. nuclear physicist, Robert Oppenheimer (u.s.a. nuclear bomb campaign). We propose to use the park named after the 2nd mayor of Vancouver as the center for the start to the **healing process**. We visualize the co-operation of all public servants – civic, provincial and federal to construct a large **sweat lodge** under a roof canopy structured to resemble a large **Peace Sign**. Under the large **Peace Sign roof** we visualize **the memorials with names chiseled in stone** surrounding the **sweat lodge center** of the **Octagon for Peace**. This can be the **healing center** for all citizens and visitors, from national leaders to the loved ones of the memorialized victims. From residents to police and other public servants. All coming together under one roof for one common goal, to **heal the people and bring closure** to this **open festering wound** imposed on the Downtown Eastside.

I am campaigning with an independent platform based on the **Octagon for Peace** in the spring May 17th provincial election in the Downtown Eastside. I will inform you of my website and email address when the site is up and running, so you can read my complete platform based on the June 2006 Peace & Justice Forum in Vancouver and the timely **Octagon for Peace** to be constructed at the **desolate Oppenheimer Park**.

At this time nothing is being done to **start the healing**, so we are looking for the support of those that can help **spearhead** a project of this magnitude with the **skills and recognition** of the Douglas J Cardinal Architect Ltd., the City of Vancouver, Vancouver Parks Board, B.C. Union of Indian Chiefs, Metis Provincial Council of B.C., Vancouver City Peace and Justice Committee, Province of B.C. and the Federal Government.

Let the healing begin.

Sincerely,



Michael C Hansen
Sovereign Canadian

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May 30, 2005**

Salmon, Denise

From: Bengston, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2005 9:06 AM
To: 'kibuuka bbosa'
Subject: RE: INTRODUCTION AND REQUEST FOR RELATIONS AND RESOURCES.

Thank you for your email which has been forwarded to the Peace and Justice Meeting Coordinator for a response.

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

From: kibuuka bbosa [mailto:bbosakibuuka@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2005 5:44 AM
To: peace.committee@vancouver.ca
Subject: INTRODUCTION AND REQUEST FOR RELATIONS AND RESOURCES.

Dear Colleagues,

INTRODUCTION AND REQUEST FOR RELATIONS AND RESOURCES.

Greetings from STAR/Ambassadors of Peace commonly called STAR.

STAR –Schools Talk and Relations is a STAR project.

STAR -Training and Emergency Aid Mission, an NGO for wholistic community development and runs several humanitarian community development programs.

Kindly, let us know about any community development projects you undertake.

All STAR projects/transactions interlink.

STAR is an establishment to expose, share, win, train and send the children, youths and as well adults with know-hows –theory and practical skills and best practices of non-violent conflict resolution in and out of school towards a world and culture of peace/freedom.

STAR wishes to follow the UN and UNESCO on the resolution of 2001-2010 as Decade of Peace and No-Violence for children (as well adults) of the world.

STAR is community oriented for the holistic development of the reached communities through: Extension Skills, Advocacy, Information Sharing/Networking/Linkage, Research, Guidance/Counseling, Technical Support, Lobbying, Training/Education, Training of Trainers (TOT), Funding, Consultancy, Workshops/Conferences/Seminars, Baseline Surveys (Feasibility Studies), Publicity-Flyers, Etc.

Please let us hear from you then we will gladly send you detailed information on STAR project activities for relations/resources.

We write sending you information about STAR, and as well **requesting for resources:** material, human, financial-**Joint Venture/Partnership.**

STAR plans and is interested in carrying out Non-Violent Conflict Resolution Education : theories and practices towards a world and culture of peace.

The resources/ publications requested on free basis below, when granted would greatly boost STAR /STAR projects/programmes in general but specifically in; -

- ❖ STAR /STAR Book Bank/Library and Resource Center.

Library/Book services to the development of a reading culture.

- ❖ STAR /STAR Project Resource/Reference.

STAR /STAR Projects/Projects Program Planning Department working out the details of STAR

project strategy.

- ❖ STAR /STAR Capacity Building -

STAR /STAR Capacity Building is the varied ways; -

- a. STAR / STAR Personnel Capacity Building.

This envisaged to equip STAR /STAR Personnel in Project Planning and Management and Management know-hows.

It is anticipated that these forms of workshop vary in their durations.

Additionally, the resources/ publications requested will cover the areas below among others, - Training, Mobilizing Resources, Documenting and Communicating, Advocacy, Capacity Analysis,

Reports and Studies Programming the Importance of Non-Violent Conflict Resolution Education : theories and practices towards a world and culture of peace in supportive sensitized communities.

The resources/ publications requested will build STAR with knowledge and capacity to carry out effective Non-Violent Conflict Resolution Education : theories and practices towards a world and culture of peace programming.

Please, supply/grant STAR with,

- ❖ **INFORMATION** about your activities, programs, projects.

- ❖ **RELATIONS** with you by putting **STAR** on your mailing list.

- ❖ **CONTACTS** to individuals/organizations as may be engaged in any of the stated **STAR**-nonviolent conflict resolution approach.

- ❖ **RESOURCES/PUBLICATIONS** in varied forms; books, booklets, bookmarkers, fact sheets, posters, calendars, stickers, monographs, brochures, tapes, films etc on conflict resolution.

- ❖ **TRAINING/EDUCATION** opportunities, long/short term, distance learning, workshops/conferences, seminars in conflict resolution skills, etc.

- ❖ **STUDY/FAMILIARIZATION** tours, visits, for on-the-job training, exchange, networking, replication, support, and Joint Venture as may relate to non-violent conflict resolution.

- ❖ **SUPPORT** to the sustenance of the **STAR** transactions/programs.

- ❖ **JOINT VENTURE** between you and **STAR**.

It will be our pleasure that through the post, we receive preferably hard copies or electronic version, any of the above to consolidate the Relationship and Joint Venture.

Please, as a reminder, **our postal/mailing address** for postal/mail reply is;

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Thank you so much.

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Re: World Peace Forum 2006

Dear Co-Chairs:

Capilano College, as an institution that has significant experience and student involvement in international activities, supports the World Peace Forum proposal and offers to assist in making this event a success. In particular the Global Stewardship Program has a cadre of energetic and committed students that may be able to be of assistance in a variety of ways.

I wish you well in your efforts. Please feel free to contact my office once your needs are determined to see how we might help.

Yours truly,



Greg F. Lee, Ph.D
President

GFL/dk