

NOTICE OF MEETING

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

DATE: Monday, January 31, 2005
TIME: 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
(sandwiches will be provided)
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall

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 November 29, 2004, to be adopted.

1. Sub-Committee Updates/Reports

a. Justice Sub-Committee

i) "Towards More Effective Police Oversight"

The Chair and Vice-chair, after consultation with the City Clerk and City Manager, recommend that the report be referred to the Police Board as the appropriate agency for dealing with this matter.

b. World Peace Forum Sub-Committee

The Committee at its meeting on November 29, 2004, accepted, in principle, the "World Peace Forum 2006 - A Working Vision" document, and agreed the Committee Chairs be entrusted to develop a final draft for review by the Committee at its next meeting, including reference to International Law and the methodology for moving the Committee toward one of its major objectives.

The final draft will be distributed when available.

Also attached is a summary report from the November 26 and 27 Preparatory Conference "Cities and Communities: Working Together to Stop War and build Peace and Justice", and a contact sheet to allow the World Peace Forum Society to update their mailing list.

c. Citizen Peace Award Sub-Committee

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on December 14, 2004, approved criteria for the Citizens' Peace Award. The relevant extract, Council Report dated November 29, 2004, and final Print Ad are attached and refer.

d. Peace and Justice WebSite Sub-Committee

There have been some recent updates to the Peace and Justice Committee website <http://www.peaceandjustice.ca>

e. Public Participation Sub-Committee

The Committee, at its meeting on November 29, 2004, agreed to recommend to the World Peace Forum Society that the Society apply to VanCity for the \$1 MM grant in 2005 in support of the 2006 World Peace forum. A copy of the relevant letter dated December 17, 2004, is attached and refers.

Also attached is a copy of the December 13, 2004, notes from the Public Participation Sub-Committee, which includes the following Notice of Motion:

THAT the City of Vancouver be requested to send out an announcement of the World Peace Forum 2006 to its citizens with the July tax notice.

f. Star Wars Agenda Sub-Committee

g. Hiroshima Day Sub-Committee

The Committee at its meeting on November 29, 2004, struck the Hiroshima Day Sub-Committee, and agreed to collaborate with the World Peace Forum Society and Stopwar.ca to organize the commemoration for the anniversary of Hiroshima on August 6th, 2005.

Attached, for the Committee's information, is correspondence regarding the sudden passing of Kinuko Laskey, a survivor of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima on August 6th, 1945. The Chair will provide additional details.

2. New Business

3. Enquiries and Other Matters

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, March 14, 2005 (*please note revised meeting date*)
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall



Preparatory Meeting
November 26th and 27th, 2004
Vancouver, British Columbia

'Momentum Builds to the World Peace Forum 2006'

Over 200 people from Vancouver, across Canada and from around the world participated in the November 26 & 27, 2004 Preparatory Conference for the **World Peace Forum 2006** proposed for June 21-28, 2006 in Vancouver. **Hilaria Supa Huaman**, a Quechua First Nation woman and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee from Peru, **Thulas Nxesi**, General Secretary of the South Africa Democratic Teachers Union and newly elected President of 29 million-member Education International, and **Herbert Docena**, Foreign Policy Analyst from Focus on the Global South joined other international guests and local and national activists from peace/anti-war communities in an intense two days of discussions. The conclusion was unanimous. The proposed World Peace Forum in Vancouver for June 2006 represents an exciting and significant step toward engaging cities and communities to stop war and build a peaceful, equitable and sustainable world within our lifetimes.



Hilaria Supa Huaman, Peru, speaking at press conference

Canada's former Disarmament Ambassador, the **Hon. Douglas Roche**, whose powerful presentation on "The Human Right to Peace" was greeted with acclaim, commented that while he had attended many conferences there were few as productive as the PrepCon. "I'm one hundred percent behind you!"



Member of Parliament Libby Davies

Plenary sessions focused on the war in and occupation of Iraq, on 'Views from the South' on peace issues and on Ballistic Missile Defence. StopWar.ca, Greater Vancouver's peace/anti-war coalition, organized a plenary panel on Canadian peace activities focused on the Middle East. Over twenty workshops engaged participants in lively discussions ranging from sustainability and peace to the current situation in Asia, the Middle East and other regions. Particularly vibrant were the education and arts workshops.

One purpose of the conference was to get feedback on a draft vision for 2006 and to begin to catalogue what cities and communities are doing now, and can do in the future to significantly challenge the culture of war and injustice and to build peace and sustainability.

On Saturday morning Vancouver's popular **Mayor Larry Campbell** welcomed participants and challenged those who would deny that civic politicians should leave peace issues to higher levels of government. Mayor Campbell stated the City of Vancouver's support in principle for the World Peace Forum in 2006. He announced his acceptance of Hiroshima **Mayor Tadatashi Akiba's** invitation to join with mayors from around the world at the United Nations review of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty in May 2005. Mayor Campbell challenged the participants to come up with a practical plan on how to make a World Peace Forum in Vancouver a reality.



Alfred Marder of Peace Messenger Cities presents a gift to Mayor Campbell

A unifying theme throughout the conference was the importance of strengthening peace education including understanding and the enforcement of international law, war's impact on the environment, the importance of north/south dialogue, human rights violations, social injustice and violence against women. Workshops began to elaborate concrete plans to bring together city representatives, peace organizations and individuals in preparation for the World Peace Forum 2006 and beyond. Youth delegates were very active as participants, volunteers and in presenting a pulsating dance and drum performance to celebrate and conclude the conference.

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The enthusiasm generated by the conference spilled over to Sunday when World Peace Forum organizers met with international guests in the first step toward the creation of an International Advisory Board and address the ongoing challenge to include creating a supportive environment to engage large numbers of young people and Indigenous peoples in the planning and execution of the World Peace Forum process.

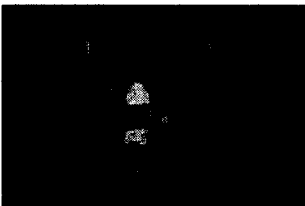


Participants debate issues

Vancouver City Council will make its final decision on World Peace Forum 2006 at the end of February. We need your help to ensure the World Peace Forum in Vancouver, June 2006, is a resounding success:

1. Visit our temporary website to read conference materials, currently hosted at <http://www.peaceandjustice.ca/wpf.html>.
2. Complete the attached contact sheet and send it to admin@worldpeaceforum.ca. Please help us promote the World Peace Forum process by informing all of your networks. Information you may need for newsletter articles and/or letters of support are available on the website.
3. Please ask your organization to formally endorse the World Peace Forum in Vancouver in June 2006. Send your letters/endorsations to admin@worldpeaceforum.ca. Organizationally, please create a link on your website to our website to ensure your members are kept up to date as events develop.

Warm thanks go out to...



*Canadian and International presenters
with Councillors Woodsworth and
Cadman at City Hall*

The November World Peace Forum 2006 Preparatory Conference would not have been possible without the generous financial support received from The Simons Foundation and the strong support we have received from Vancouver's City Council and the City of Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee. The volunteer support for this effort was overwhelming and we thank everyone involved for their generosity, tireless effort and good humour.

How to contact us

You can contact the **World Peace Forum Society** at

Tel.: 604 687-3223,

Fax: 604 687-3277

E-Mail: admin@worldpeaceforum.ca

Mail: #10-111 Victoria Drive,

Vancouver, B.C., Canada, V5L 4C4

World Peace Forum

Contact Sheet

Dear Friends:

Please take the time to complete this contact sheet. We want to connect activists with each other in their areas of interest to build synergy towards a just and peaceful world at the World Peace Forum in Vancouver, June 21 – 28, 2006 and beyond. Thank you.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postal Code/ZIP _____

Fax: _____ Tel: _____

Email: (print clearly) _____

Areas of Interest: Please check those boxes applicable to your areas of interest that you would like to be linked up with on a regionally, nationally or internationally.

Impunity, Redress and Reconciliation International Law Faith

Peace Education Youth and War Occupations Labour and Peace

Disarmament/Non-Proliferation Arts/Culture/Peace Racism

Ballistic Missile Defense: Weaponization of Space Women and War

Other: _____ Other: _____

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I. **Citizens' Peace Award**
November 29, 2004 (File 3120-2)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

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3. The nomination must have the written support of at least three residents of Vancouver.
4. The nomination documentation shall include only a letter of transmittal plus an absolute maximum of 3 pages of supporting text, pictures or charts. The minimum text font allowed is 12 points with minimum 1/2-in border on all sides of an 8-1/2 in x 11-in sheet.
5. All qualified nominations shall be reviewed by members of the appropriate sub-committee of the Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee. The sub-committee shall submit a summary of all nominations received and 3 short-list recommendations for the consideration of the Peace and Justice Committee, at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting of the Peace and Justice Committee.
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7. The Award shall be made annually by the City of Vancouver on or about the third Tuesday of September at the appropriate Council meeting. Presentation to be made at Council and followed by a reception to which local peace and justice activists and organizations are to be invited.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: November 29, 2004
Author: David Cadman, Co-Chair on
behalf of Committee
Phone No.: 604.873.7269
RTS No.: 4742
CC File No.: 3120-2
Meeting Date: December 14, 2004

TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Advisory Committee on Peace and Justice
SUBJECT: Citizens' Peace Award

RECOMMENDATION

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CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits this report for Council's CONSIDERATION.

PURPOSE

To recognize a Vancouver citizen, group of citizens, or organization for their outstanding contribution to world peace. The intent is to present the 2004 Peace Award early in the new year. Subsequently, the award will be given to coincide with the annual UN sponsored International Day of Peace, which is the third Tuesday of September.

CONCLUSION

The Peace and Justice Committee, at its meeting on March 29, 2004, adopted the draft Citizens' Peace Award document dated March 16, 2004, and seeks Council's approval as set out in the report before it this day.

Citizens' Peace Award



The City of Vancouver is calling for nominations for its Citizens' Peace Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to world peace.

Anyone may nominate any Vancouver citizen, group, or organization showing leadership, commitment and dedication to the promotion of peace and disarmament.

Nominations must include:

- a letter (maximum three pages supporting text) detailing the individual's or organization's qualities, achievements, and efforts that further the goal of world peace. (Minimum text font is 12 pt. with at least 0.5" border on all sides of 8.5 x 11" paper).
- three letters of support from three different Vancouver residents.

Send entries to:

Citizens' Peace Award
City Clerk's Office, 453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4
Fax: 604.873.7419 E-mail: mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca

The deadline for nominations is **February 28, 2005**.

The Peace and Justice Committee, made up of members of City Council, Vancouver residents, and representatives from the Park Board and the Vancouver School Board, will select the winner.

This selection process will be for the 2004 Peace Award. The 2005 award will be chosen later this year and will be presented in conjunction with the United Nations-sponsored International Day of Peace on September 20.

For more information: City Clerk's Office 604.873.7276
Website: vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/civicagencies/peacejustice

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**CITY OF VANCOUVER
PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

<http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/committees/peacejustice/>

Supports Item No. 1e
P&J Committee Agenda
January 31, 2005

December 17, 2004

MEMBERS (Appointed by Council
July 22, 2003)

Councillor David Cadman,
Co-Chair
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth,
Vice-Chair

Trustee Jane Bouey,
Vancouver School Board
Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps,
Vancouver Park Board

Thomas Anthony
David Askew
Ivan Bulic
Amanda Camley
Gail Davidson Co-Chair
Sam Phillipoff
Kyla Kinzel
Lizz Lindsay
Christy Mori
Cara Ng
Beverley O'Neil
John Price
Peter Prontzos
Noha Sedky, Co-Chair
Al Wong

VanCity Community Partnership Program
183 Terminal Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6A 4G2

Dear Members of the Grant Application Review Committee.

Re: Community Project Grant Application submitted by the World Peace Forum 2006 Flag and Banners Committee of the Vancouver School Board

The City of Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee and the World Peace Forum Society are planning a World Peace Forum, to be held in Vancouver June 21 - 28, 2006. The purpose of the Forum is to bring together people and organizations from across Canada and around the world who are working for peace so that they can learn from each other and build links that will enable them to work more effectively for world peace. This Forum has been endorsed by the Vancouver Parks Board, the Vancouver Library Board, the Vancouver School Board and has received approval in principle from Vancouver City Council. It has also received endorsements from many national and international organizations including the United Nations Peace Messenger Cities, The Ecumenical Task Force for Justice in the Americas, Educating for Peace and Physicians for Global Survival.

As City Councillors and as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the City of Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee, we are particularly interested in involving the citizens of Vancouver in working for world peace. We are very excited about the plans of the World Peace Forum 2006 Flag and Banners Committee of the Vancouver School Board to involve Vancouver elementary and secondary students, with the support of their teachers and parents, in the design of flags and banners to be flown and displayed on flag poles and on city streets starting in 2005 and in the weeks and months leading up to, and during the World Peace Forum. We consider it to be a very innovative and effective way to engage young people in peace and justice issues.

The concept of the Forum is that the organizing bodies will provide the space and the advertising, but that participating groups and individuals, particularly those from the developed world, will provide their own funding. We therefore strongly urge VanCity to consider supporting this worthy application.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of David B. Cadman in black ink.

Councillor David Cadman, Co-Chair
Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee

Handwritten signature of Ellen Woodsworth in black ink.

Councillor Ellen Woodsworth, Vice-Chair
Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee

**Public Participation Sub-Committee
Notes of December 13, 2004**

Present: Tom Anthony, David Askew, Amanda Camley, Sam Phillipoff

- 1. We discussed the need to broaden the range of organizations that have endorsed the World Peace Forum and agreed to participate in it. We brainstormed the categories and names of organizations to approach:**
 - First Nations - Musqueam, Squamish, Liliget, Tsawwassen and the First Nations Summit**
 - Multicultural groups - ISS, SUCCESS, Mosaic**
 - Churches and Faith Groups**
 - Human Rights Coalition**
 - Vancouver Art Gallery**
 - Vancouver Symphony**
 - Vancouver Opera**
 - Sarah McLaughlin**
 - Amnesty International**
 - Youth Millennium Project - Jane Reitsma**
 - Judith Marcuse**

Sam planned to contact these organizations as part of his Advocate role with the Peace Forum Society

- 2. Notice of Motion Re World Peace Forum**

THAT the City of Vancouver be requested to send out an announcement of the World Peace Forum 2006 to its citizens with the July tax notice.

Salmon, Denise

From: John Price
Sent: Sunday, November 07, 2004 6:15 PM
To: David Cadman; Ellen Woodsworth; Lyndsay Poaps; Tom Anthony; David Askew; Ivan Bulic; Amanda Camley; Gail Davidson; Sam Phillipoff; Kyla Kinzel; Christy Mori; Cara Ng; Beverley Oneil; Peter Pronzos; Judith Radovan; Noha Sedky; Al Wong; Denise Salmon
Subject: Fwd: Kinuko Laskey Memorial

Date: Sun, 07 Nov 2004 11:51:00 -0800

From: John Price
Subject: Kinuko Laskey Memorial

Press Release/Memorial Notice
Please forward

Kinuko Laskey
March 22, 1929 - November 03, 2004

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Kinuko Laskey. Kinuko was a survivor of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima on August 6th, 1945. She was a 16-year old student nurse in the Hiroshima Communications Hospital, 1.4 kilometres from the hypocenter. Radiation sickness, loss of sight in her right eye, and many surgical procedures were the results of her ordeal. She married a Canadian, David Laskey, in 1951 and they moved to Canada in 1954 where they raised their family. For many years, Kinuko tried to cope with her trauma, as she put it, "by putting my terrible experience in a box and hiding it deep in my heart."

As the threat of nuclear war accelerated in the early 1980s, Kinuko began to speak out publicly about her experience. She testified at the U.S. senate hearings on nuclear disarmament in 1982. In 1983, she founded the Canadian Society of Atomic Bomb Survivors. She succeeded in building a sister society relationship between the B.C. and Hiroshima medical associations. Kinuko worked closely with the City of Vancouver. In 1985, she presented Mayor Harcourt with 1000 peace cranes made by Vancouver school children to take to the first World Mayors Conference held in Hiroshima. In 1987, she joined then mayor Gordon Campbell in lighting the peace flame at the Vancouver Centennial Peace Monument, using a flame sent from the Hiroshima Peace Park.

Kinuko Laskey appeared in numerous documentary and educational films and was an avid educator, speaking in schools, churches, universities and at peace rallies. Kinuko had a particular place in her heart for children, so she shared her painful memories and made paper cranes with them, that they might understand the horror of war and the menace of nuclear arms. Kinuko and her husband David kept alive the flame of Hiroshima remembrance, helping with an annual peace lantern ceremony every August. Kinuko's last public appearance was at the August 6, 2004 Hiroshima Day commemoration. In an official proclamation for that day, Vancouver mayor Larry Campbell stated: "Today we

particularly pay tribute to Hiroshima survivor and lifelong anti-nuclear activist and promoter of peace, Kinuko Laskey". Kinuko launched her last peace lantern that rainy summer evening, but her spirit remains among us and will forever nurture the flame of peace.

Kinuko is survived by David, her loving husband of 53 years, her daughter Nanami and her son-in-law Richard Chan; in Japan, by her sister Tomoko (Kazuo) and brothers Keinosuke (Chizuru), Kinnusuke (Setchiko).

A memorial service will be held at Glenhaven Memorial Chapel, 1835 East Hastings Street, on Wednesday, November 10th, at 2 pm. All are welcome, the family invites those able to bring paper cranes.

Messages of condolences may be sent to <KinukoMemorial@shaw.ca>, or by fax to: 604 301-0101.

John Price
University of Victoria