

NOTICE OF MEETING
PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

DATE: Monday, November 29, 2004

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@city.vancouver.bc.ca if you are unable to attend this meeting

APOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2004, to be adopted.

1. Sub-Committee Updates/Reports

a. Citizen Peace Award Sub-Committee

The criteria for awarding the Citizens Peace Award, as agreed to by City Council at its meeting on July 10, 1990, and revised criteria put forward by the Peace and Justice Committee at its meeting on March 29, 2004, are attached and refer.

b. Peace and Justice WebSite Sub-Committee

<http://www.peaceandjustice.ca>

c. Public Participation Sub-Committee

The attached notes from the October 25, 2004, meeting of the Public Participation Sub-Committee are attached and refer. The sub-committee is seeking a number of motions from the Committee related to the World Peace Forum.

In addition, the Sub-Committee also seeks a motion from the Committee requesting City Council to endorse the call for public hearings on the proposed Missile Defence System.

d. World Peace Forum Sub-Committee

The attached extract from the Vancouver City Council meeting of November 16, 2004, and Report to Council, dated November 8, 2004, from the Peace and Justice Committee refer. Also attached is a copy of the agenda for the World Peace Forum Preparatory Conference.

e. Star Wars Agenda Sub-Committee

f. Justice Sub-Committee

At its meeting on September 27th, the Justice Sub-Committee circulated copies of a document prepared by Pivot, entitled "Towards More Effective Police Oversight", and a related Notice of Motion prepared by the Sub-Committee for consideration at the November 29th meeting of the Committee (previously circulated - please bring your copies to the meeting.)

At the invitation of the Sub-Committee, Craig Jones of the BC Civil Liberties Association will attend as a resource person to answer questions. Mr. Jones has been both the President and the Vice-president of BCCLA and has been a board member since 1996.

2. Updates/Upcoming Events

a) Change in Committee's March 2005 Meeting Date

As the Committee's scheduled meeting date in March is Easter Monday, the Clerk, after polling members, recommends the meeting date be changed from March 28, to March 21, 2005.

b. War Resisters Monument in Nelson

At its meeting on September 27, 2004, the Committee agreed to bring this item forward for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee.

The relevant background material is attached and refers.

3. New Business

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, January 31, 2005
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall

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NOTE FROM CLERK: To better serve the Committee, I will provide additional copies of the agenda package on the food table adjacent the sandwiches. Please help yourself.

The Peace and Justice Committee, at its meeting on March 29, 2004, adopted the draft Citizens' Peace Award document dated March 16, 2004, with the proviso that reference to the first week of May be removed from Criteria Item No. 2.

Citizens' Peace Award

Purpose: [suggested additions and deletions by Al Wong, Feb 27/03]

To recognize a Vancouver citizen, group of citizens, or organization for their outstanding contribution to justice and (*delete world*) peace. It is intended that the award be given to coincide with the annual (*delete UN sponsored*) International Day of Peace, which is the third Tuesday of September.

Criteria:

1. The Award shall be open to any person, persons, organization or organizations with verified residency (or for organizations, headquarters) in the city of Vancouver.
2. The City of Vancouver shall solicit nominations from the citizens of Vancouver by advertisement, in local newspapers. The closing date shall be 30 days after the published solicitation.
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 July meeting of the Peace and Justice Committee.
6. The Peace and Justice Committee shall select one finalist from either the 3 short-list recommendations or the general list of all nominations received, for subsequent ratification by the City Council at the earliest possible date.
7. The Award shall be made 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.

APPROVED BY VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON JULY 10, 1990

2. Citizens Peace Award

The Special Council Committee on Peace has established a Sub-Committee to develop proposals to recognize the United Nations' sponsored International Day of Peace, held on the third Tuesday of September each year.

The Committee considered a proposal to initiate an annual Citizens Peace Award, to be awarded on the International Day of Peace to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to peace. The award would be co-sponsored with the United Nations Association in Canada.

Members of the Committee enthusiastically supported the proposal and following discussion, agreed to the following:

- Award to be co-sponsored with the United Nations Association in Canada.
- Award to be given annually on the International Day of Peace (third Tuesday of September).
- Invitations to submit nominations to be initiated by the City Clerk's Office.
- Nominations to be submitted by August 15th.
- Establish an adjudication committee consisting of three persons (suggest Freeman of the City).
- Request \$500 from Council to develop a plaque (the plaque to be passed on each year).

The Committee, therefore

RECOMMENDS

THAT the proposed Citizens Peace Award, as outlined in this report, be approved, with source of funds to be Contingency Reserve.

"Bruce Bingham"
Chairman
Special Council Committee
on Peace

Vancouver City Council at its meeting on October 17, 1995 dealt with an Administrative Report dated October 4, 1995, which provided the following background regarding the Citizen Peace Award:

"The Award is intended to give recognition to a citizen of Greater Vancouver who has contributed 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.

Nominations are solicited by the City Clerk from the various peace groups and organizations in the Vancouver area. An adjudication committee, consisting of a representative of the United Nations Association in Canada (Vancouver Branch) and two City Freedom Award recipients, review the nominations received for recommendation to City Council."

**Notes from the Meeting of the Public Participation Sub-Committee
October 25/04**

**Present: Tom Anthony, David Askew, Sam Phillipoff;
Regrets: Amanda Camley**

- 1. We had a brief discussion of the Oct 17, 2004 retreat. We recommend that the Nov 26 & 27 planning session start from what came out of this day and try to avoid going over old ground.**
- 2. VPJC banner production is proceeding in line with the approved budget.**
- 3. The VSB and VPF sub-committee met for the third time on October 18/04. The committee decided on peace projects for 2005 and 2006 in harmony with the World Peace Forum. In 2005 we have 12 schools that will hold competitions and design flags. The plan is to have these hold a flag raising ceremony at one of the city flag locations such as the Plaza of Nations or in front of City Hall in May/June 2005. The project for 2006 is, through a similar process, have all schools in Vancouver be involved in the design of banners for Robson, Cambie, Granville and Burrard and for local streets through the BIAs The PPSC is looking for sources of funding.**

Notice of Motion: that the World Peace Forum Society be asked to apply to VanCity for the \$1MM grant in 2006 in support of the 2006 World Peace Forum.

- 4. Each secondary school in Vancouver has a student's council, each student's council sends two or three representatives to the Association of Students Councils. We have sent an invitation to the association (cc'd to VPJC) to send reps to the Nov 26/27 planning session and are recommending that**

the association suggest that each school establish a peace and justice committee.

5. Sam, Ellen, Jane, Lindsay, Loretta Woodcock (Parks Board), Enzo G (Britannia) and Carolyn Krause (Principal of Grandview School) met and unanimously endorsed the proposal to close Grandview Highway between Woodlands and McLean to create a Peace Park. They will meet again on Nov 10/04.
6. Other Business: we discussed how to engage the city bureaucracy in the world peace forum process. We recommend that the VPJC ask the Mayor, following the formal agreement of Council to participate in the World Peace Forum, to send a letter to all city departments, announcing that this is a city initiative and requesting them to get behind it.

We recommend that a media training session be organized to take place prior to the council meeting where the final decision will be made, so that we are all prepared to defend the decision of the City to co-sponsor the world peace forum. Recommended participants – all councillors, parks and school board members, VPJC members. We suggest that the workshop cover common values, principles and Q and A's.

We recommend that unfilled seats on the VPJC be filled with members who can assist in the support and hosting of the World Peace Forum and that the VPJC increase its meeting frequency to monthly, beginning in January following the formal vote of Council on the question of co-hosting the World Peace Forum.

Notes prepared by David Askew, October 30, 2004

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF NOVEMBER 16, 2004.**

OTHER REPORTS

**I. Peace and Justice Committee
November 8, 2004 (File 3120-1)**

1. World Peace Forum 2006

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

- A. THAT Council approve the creation of a reserve fund to hold the \$65,000 donation received from the Simons Foundation to support the City's peace initiatives as directed by the donor.**
- B. THAT Council instruct the City Manager to contract for up to \$10,000 for services in relation to conducting a feasibility report, as outlined in the body of this report, on holding a World Peace Forum in conjunction with the World Urban Forum in 2006. Source of funds, the Peace Initiative Reserve Fund.**
- C. THAT Council provide a grant of \$45,000 to the World Peace Forum Society to offset travel and organizational costs of holding a preparatory forum involving the local, national and international community to assess the feasibility of holding a World Peace Forum in conjunction with the World Urban Forum in 2006. Source of funds, the Peace Initiative Reserve Fund.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: November 8, 2004
Author: Chair and Vice
Chair, Peace and
Justice Committee
Phone No.: 604.873-7244
604-873-7245
RTS No.: 4676
CC File No.: 3120-1
Meeting Date: November 16, 2004

TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Councillor Cadman, Chair and Councillor Woodsworth, Vice-Chair
Peace and Justice Committee

SUBJECT: World Peace Forum 2006

RECOMMENDATION

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- B. THAT Council instruct the City Manager to contract for up to \$10,000 for services in relation to conducting a feasibility report, as outlined in the body of this report, on holding a World Peace Forum in conjunction with the World Urban Forum in 2006. Source of funds, the Peace Initiative Reserve Fund.

FOR CONSIDERATION

- C. THAT Council provide a grant of \$45,000 to the World Peace Forum Society to offset travel and organizational costs of holding a preparatory forum involving the local, national and international community to assess the feasibility of holding a World Peace Forum in conjunction with the World Urban Forum in 2006. Source of funds, the Peace Initiative Reserve Fund.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends A and B and submits C for consideration.

COUNCIL POLICY

Recommendation C to provide \$45,000 to the World Peace Forum Society constitutes a grant, and as such requires eight (8) affirmative votes from Council.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is threefold:

- to ask that Council establish a reserve fund to hold the \$65,000 donation received from the Simons Foundation to support the City's peace initiatives;
- to contract services, up to \$10,000, for the preparation of a report on the feasibility of holding a World Peace Forum in conjunction with the World Urban Forum and approve the terms of reference for the report;
- to grant the World Peace Forum Society \$45,000 to hold a preparatory world peace forum conference with local, national and international representatives.

BACKGROUND

On May 18, 2004, Council passed a resolution affirming the City of Vancouver as a City of Peace and that it will continue to participate in the Mayors of Peace initiative and the United Nations Peace Messenger Cities initiative by endorsing in principle the holding of a World Peace Forum in 2006 in conjunction with the World Urban Forum. Further it was resolved that Vancouver's Peace and Justice Committee be called upon to work with the international community to meet and assess the feasibility of holding a World Peace Forum in conjunction with the World Urban Forum in 2006 and to report back to City Council within six months with recommendations to hold a World Peace Forum in 2006 and to carry the Athens Olympics Peace Appeal endorsed by 187 nations forward to the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

The proposal to hold a World Peace Forum in Vancouver has subsequently been endorsed by over 25 local, national and international organizations, including the United Nations Peace Messenger Cities, the Ecumenical Task Force for Justice in the Americas, Educating for Peace, Physicians for Global Survival, the Vancouver Public Library and Vancouver School Board.

At its meeting on July 26, 2004, the Peace and Justice Committee approved the terms of reference for the feasibility study as outlined below.

The Peace and Justice Committee of the City of Vancouver is seeking a qualified convention or event organizer on a contract basis to work on ancillary tasks related to the World Peace Forum and to prepare a report to the Committee for review by City Council on the feasibility of holding a World Peace Forum in 2006 in conjunction with the World Urban Forum, a project endorsed in principle by City Council. The report should include:

- An assessment of the interest at the national and international level in supporting and participating in such an event;
- A recommended format, duration and theme;
- A draft budget, including estimates costs and proposed sources of revenue;
- Proposed strategies to attract sponsorships and partnerships from the non-profit and private sectors;
- A preliminary work plan to achieve the goal of a World Peace Forum, including critical milestones and decision points.

A draft of the report must be submitted to the Peace and Justice Committee by Oct. 1, 2004 to be considered by City Council at its Oct. 19 meeting, as set out in the council resolution endorsing this study.

Special consideration will be given to applicants with a demonstrated record of event and conference organization and a history of involvement in non-governmental organizations, especially those working in the area of peace and social justice.

On September 15, 2004 the related request for proposals closed. Only one application was received and after review, it was deemed not to meet the requirements set out in the RFP.

In October 2004, The Simons Foundation made a donation of \$65,000 to the City. The Foundation indicated that the donation is to be used to support the City's peace initiatives.

DISCUSSION

As a result of the failed RFP, it is now recommended that the City, through the City Manager's Office, undertake a direct contract for up to \$10,000 for services related to the completion of a feasibility study on holding a World Peace Forum in 2006. It is also recommended that the terms of reference be amended as follows to provide:

- an assessment of the interest at the national and international level in supporting and participating in such an event;
- an assessment of the feasibility of the proposed format, duration and theme as adopted at the preparatory conference being held November 26 and 27, 2004;
- an analysis of the budget necessary for the proposed event and identification of possible sources of sponsorship and partnership from the non-profit and private sectors to achieve the budget;
- recommendations on whether the City should be involved in holding the Peace Forum, and if so, how the City should be involved and what are the necessary steps of engagement;
- liaison with the Chair and Vice Chair of Peace and Justice Committee on the feasibility study.

This study will be submitted to Council no later than February 28, 2005.

The World Peace Forum Society was incorporated in August 2004 to:

- build a network for peace and justice of civic leaders, non-governmental community organizations, aboriginal and first nations people and others;
- to organize a world peace forum; and
- to facilitate a dialogue on peace and justice issues.

The Society has broad-based membership and includes ecumenical, academic and labour representatives, as well as representatives from community, peace and justice groups such as the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, End the Arms Race and the Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens Association. The Society works in collaboration with the City's Peace and Justice Committee through a Joint Steering Committee, which includes the International Centre for Sustainable Cities.

On October 17, 2004 the Society held a local consultation attend by 70 community representatives on the feasibility of holding a World Peace Forum in Vancouver in 2006. A draft vision, conference program and list of potential speakers was developed. On November 26 and 27, 2004, approximately 200 representatives from across Canada and around the world will meet to review the draft program, assess the level of commitment from cities and communities to participating in such a conference, and adopt a vision and process for establishing an Advisory Committee.

The grant of \$45,000 being recommended is to offset costs associated with the preparatory conference, such as travel, facility rental, food, facilitation and post conference costs. This represents a contribution to the costs of the forum, the balance of which is covered by the Society through their own fundraising and substantial volunteer, in-kind donations. The Society will report back to the Peace and Justice Committee on the costs and sources of funding for the preparatory conference.

All of the actions identified in this report are consistent with the terms of the donation from the Simons Foundation.

CONCLUSION

In May 2004, the City of Vancouver endorsed in principle the holding of a World Peace Forum in 2006 in conjunction with the World Urban Forum. This builds on initiatives being undertaken by the Mayors for Peace and United Nations Peace Messenger Cities of which the City is a participant. The Simons Foundation has provided the City a donation of \$65,000 to support this and other City peace initiatives. This report provides recommendations to establish a reserve fund to hold the donation, the granting of \$45,000 to the World Peace Forum Society to support the holding of a preparatory forum and the direction that a review of the feasibility of holding the World Peace Forum in 2006 be undertaken.

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WORLD PEACE FORUM

Preparatory Conference

November 26 & 27, 2004

“Cities and Communities: Working Together to Stop War and Build Peace and Justice”

Vancouver City Council has adopted in principle the proposal that a World Peace Forum be held in Vancouver in June 2006 in conjunction with the World Urban Forum. As part of the preparations for such a forum, a conference will be held on November 26 and 27 in Vancouver, Canada.

The objective of this conference is to get feedback on a draft vision and program for the World Peace Forum 2006 – to develop strategies for cities and communities to work together to build peace and justice.

AGENDA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 2004

Location: Liu Centre for Global Issues, 6476 Northwest Marine Drive,
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Noon-1.00 pm ***Registration***

1.00-1.15 pm ***First Nations Welcome***
Opening remarks and welcome

1.15 -2.45 pm ***ROUNDTABLE: The Iraq War: Roots, Lessons and***
Implications

Speakers: Irene McInnes, *Stop War*; Herbert Docena, *Focus on Global South*; Ron McCoy, *International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War*; Riadh R. Muslih, *Adala-Canadian Arab Justice Committee*.

3.00-4.30 pm ROUNDTABLE: *Peace Perspectives from the South*

Speakers: Paul Saoke, *Association of Physicians and Medical Workers, Kenya*; Guillermo Chen Morales, *Director of the New Hope for Rio Negro Foundation, Guatemala*; Thulas Nxesi, *President Education International, South Africa*; Hilaria Supa Huaman, *Quechua First Nations, Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Peru*; Ursula Oswald Spring, *Secretary-General of Latin American Council of Peace Research, Mexico*

4.30 pm PRESENTATION: '*The Human Right to Peace*'
by the Honourable Douglas Roche, International Chairman,
Middle Powers Initiative

**Public Forum:
Cities and Communities:
Working Together to Stop War and Build Peace and Justice
7.00 pm**

Location: Vancouver City Hall, 453 West 12th Avenue, Council Chambers

Speakers: Albert Ho, *Legislative Councillor, Hong Kong*; Alfred Marder, *International Association of Peace Messenger Cities*; Katia Born, (tbc) *Chair, Mayors Federation of Brazil, Mayor of Maceio, Brazil*; Clive Doucet, *Councillor, City of Ottawa*; Aaron Tovish, *Mayors for Peace Campaign 2020*.

Reception to Follow

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 2004

Location: Student Union Building, 2nd Floor, University of British Columbia

8.00 am *Registration*

9.00-10.00 am PLENARY: *WORLD PEACE FORUM 2006-DRAFT VISION*
What is our vision? A presentation of the draft vision statement. Time for questions, clarification and discussion.

10.00-10.15 pm *Break*

10.15 –Noon

WORKSHOPS:

BUILDING THE VISION –MAKING IT CONCRETE

Participants will break into facilitated groups to discuss and make recommendations regarding the proposed vision for WPF 2006. Two types of workshops: (1) region/issue specific sessions focusing on the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Latin America and Indigenous People's and (2) "at-large" sessions. There will also be a workshop for those new to the peace movement.

Noon

Lunch

1.00-2.45 pm

PLENARY SESSIONS:

- **Cross Country Check-Up – Anti War Canada**
Representatives from anti-war groups from across Canada will report on their work and comment on draft vision and program.
- **The Campaign Against Missile Defense,**
Debbie Grisdale, *Physicians for Global Survival*

2.45- 3:00 pm

Break

3:00-4.30 pm

WORKSHOPS: *THEME/TOPICAL SESSSIONS*

This second round of workshops will be organized around specific themes such as *Redress and Reconciliation; International Law; Racism: The War at Home; Peace Education; Women, Children, Youth & War; Occupation; Faith; Disarmament*. It will provide an opportunity for participants to network, strategize and plan for WPF 2006 in light of emerging campaigns and with reference to proposals already submitted for activities up to and including WPF 2006. (An overview workshop will be offered for those new to the peace movement.)

4.30 pm

CLOSING PLENARY:

WHAT NEXT? – Conference Wrap-up by Co-chairs

5.00 pm

No host dinner at the Grad Centre, UBC

7.00 pm

Stop War 2nd Anniversary Party
Transportation provided from UBC to Maritime Labour Centre

Joint News Release

City of Nelson
Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce

September 29, 2004

Nelson—for immediate release

The City of Nelson and the Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce are issuing this joint news release in order to help quell the controversy that has erupted over the plans of the "Our Way Home" committee to possibly erect a monument to war resisters in the City of Nelson. The "Our Way Home" initiative is being sponsored in part by a small group of people who live in the Nelson area and has not been endorsed by any public body. In a special meeting held on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, Nelson City Council passed a resolution stating that neither public funds nor public property will be used to assist in the development of monuments, or other such symbolic structures, that may be seen as highly divisive in nature. The Chamber of Commerce has adopted a similar stance.

Both the City of Nelson and the Chamber of Commerce recognize that lawful freedom of expression is a right for which many people have fought and died in wars on behalf of their country, but this right must be exercised with discretion where the public good is concerned. Simply put, it would be a misuse of public funds and public property to pursue a monument that does not have widespread community support. The "Our Way Home" monument does not meet this standard.

The City of Nelson is a tolerant, diverse community, and we encourage one and all to visit and discover what a fine place it truly is.

For more information concerning the position taken by the City of Nelson and Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce, please contact the City at (250) 352-8263 (www.city.nelson.bc.ca), or contact the Chamber of Commerce at (250) 352-3433 (www.discovernelson.com).

For questions or comments concerning the "Our Way Home" initiative please contact coordinator Isaac Romano at (250) 229-4002 (www.ourwayhomereunion.com).

Resolution passed unanimously by Nelson City Council, Sept. 29, 2004:

That Nelson City Council does not endorse the use of public lands or public (taxpayer) funds for the construction of monuments or other symbolic structures unless such initiatives have demonstrated broad community support.