

NOTICE OF MEETING

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

DATE: Monday, May 31, 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of March 29, 2004, to be approved.

1. Public Participation Invitee: Pivot Legal Society

John Richardson, Pivot Legal Society, has been invited to speak with the Committee. Pivot Legal Society's letter dated April 5, 2004, and the relevant Peace and Justice Committee letter dated March 30, 2004, are attached and refer.

2. Sub-Committee Updates/Reports

- a. Citizen Peace Award Sub-Committee
- b. Peace and Justice WebSite Sub-Committee
- c. Public Participation Sub-Committee
- d. World Peace Forum Sub-Committee

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on May 18th approved the attached motion "City for Peace Initiative" submitted by Councillor Woodsworth. Also attached is a letter dated May 20, 2004, from Abby Yellen and Paul Armstrong, International Arts Initiatives, regarding the World Peace Forum.

- e. Other Cities and Councils Liaison Sub-Committee

Correspondence received from BC Municipalities in response to the Committees's invitation to join a network of peace cities, will be circulated under separate cover at the meeting.

f. Justice Sub-Committee

i) Frank Paul

The attached extract and motion passed by Vancouver City Council at its meeting on May 4, 2004, refers.

g. Star Wars Agenda Sub-Committee

3. Updates/Upcoming Events

a) Canadian Campaign to Oppose Missile Defense

Peter Prontzos will report on efforts to launch a Vancouver area chapter of the Canadian Campaign to Oppose Missile Defense and its goals for the federal election.

4. Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received:

- a) Letter (email) dated April 22, 2004, (limited distribution) from Elisabeth van Assum, offering to assist the Committee with its work on the World Peace Forum.**

5. New Business

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, July 26, 2004
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall

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.

Supports Item No. 1
P&J Committee Agenda
May 31 , 2004



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April 5, 2004

Attn: Gail Davidson
Co-chair, Peace and Justice Subcommittee
City of Vancouver
453 W. 12th Avenue,
Vancouver, BC
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Dear Ms. Davidson,

Re: Vancouver Police Department

It would be my pleasure to speak before the Peace and Justice subcommittee on the points you raised in your March 30, 2004 letter. Please let me know when your next meeting would be, or when would be convenient for me to appear.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

John Richardson
Barrister & Solicitor
Executive Director, Pivot Legal Society



**CITY OF VANCOUVER
PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**Supports Item No. 1
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March 30, 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 Fillipoff
Kyla Kinzel
Christy Mori
Cara Ng
Beverley O'Neil
John Price
Peter Prontzos
Judith Radovan
Noha Sedky, Co-Chair
Al Wong

Mr. John Richardson
Pivot Legal Society
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Dear Mr. Richardson:

**RE: Your Dec. 10, 2003 letter to the Peace and Justice Committee
about the Vancouver Police Department**

The City of Vancouver's Peace and Justice Committee received your Dec. 10, 2003 letter and understand your views that Vancouver residents deserve the highest quality policing services possible.

You raise a number of concerns about the conduct of Vancouver police officers and related Police Department policies. The Committee takes these matters seriously and wishes to meet with you to further discuss your concerns.

The Committee would like to hear your views regarding:

- what measures are currently being taken to deal with the issues, and/or measures that Pivot Legal Society is further proposing;
- what other groups or key individuals has Pivot identified who share similar concerns;
- whether Pivot has considered any joint public education action in concert with universities or other organizations to address the issues; and
- what specific actions the Peace and Justice Committee might take to address the concerns you raise.

We look forward to discussing this matter further.

Sincerely,

Councillor Ellen Woodsworth, Co-chair
Gail Davidson, Co-Chair

2. **City for Peace Initiative (File 3506)**

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Louis

**Supports Item No. 2 d.
P&J Committee Agenda
May 31 , 2004**

WHEREAS Vancouver has established itself as a City of Peace and has been recognized by the United Nations as a Peace Messenger City;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver is recognized for the work of its Peace and Justice Committee and the annual awarding of the Vancouver Citizen Peace Award in conjunction with the United Nations Association of Canada;

AND WHEREAS people from many different communities and citizen's groups in Vancouver have been working for decades to enable our city to help in building a safer and more peaceful world through participation in global days of action to end the arms race and abolish nuclear weapons, oppose war, and call for peaceful resolution of world conflicts;

AND WHEREAS three Nobel Prize recipients: His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Doctor Shirin Ebadi have recently, at the invitation of the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, spent four days in Vancouver calling upon the World Community to build lasting Peace that respects the Human Rights of all peoples;

AND WHEREAS the 2010 Winter Olympics have been designated as an Olympics of Peace and Sustainability;

AND WHEREAS a discussion paper, "Vancouver, A City for Peace and Justice: Towards a World Peace Forum in 2006", initiated by the Vancouver's Peace and Justice Committee has received broad international support and significant initial financial commitments from interested foundations;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver will host the World Urban Forum and the many related events that will be associated with it to mark the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements and the 1976 Habitat Conference;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver affirms itself as a City of Peace, that will continue to participate in the Mayors for Peace initiative and the Peace Messenger Cities initiative by endorsing in principle the holding of a World Peace Forum in 2006 in conjunction with the World Urban Forum;

AND BE IT FURTHER 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 report back to Vancouver 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Salmon, Denise

From: Woodsworth, Ellen
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2004 1:23 PM

Subject: RE: World Peace Forum

Dear Councillor Woodsworth,

We recently heard of your Mumbai visit and plans for a linkage with the World Peace Forum and Vancouver in 2006 - We applaud your efforts in creating this initiative.

We are arts presenters based here in Vancouver, currently working on bringing in a major multi-national arts event next year - 'Orion' by composer Philip Glass.

'Orion' is a new work commissioned for the 2004 Olympic Games, which will premiere in Athens this June. In the piece, Glass reflects the pluralist nature of the Olympiad by collaborating with a group of internationally renowned composer/performers including Ravi Shankar from India, Eleftheria Arvanitaki from Greece, Mark Atkins from Australia, Wu Man from China, Foday Musa Suso from West Africa, UAKTI from Brazil, and Ashley MacIsaac from Canada.

All of these artists, together with the Philip Glass Ensemble, will perform 'Orion' live in Athens (with the exception of Ravi Shankar whose music will be performed on sitar by Gaurav Mazumdar). 'Orion' will be performing in only a few other select cities after Athens, including Paris, London and New York.

International Arts Initiatives was instrumental in bringing Philip Glass to the Chan Centre last January. We are now actively working on bringing 'Orion' to Vancouver either in Summer or Fall 2005.

This event will be a unique opportunity to bring Vancouver's diverse communities together. We hope to develop this event as a precursor to the World Peace Forum planned for the summer of 2006 and of course the 2010 Games.

This initiative is currently in the preliminary stages. As a City Councilor on the Peace and Social Justice Committee and planner of the 2006 World Peace Forum we would sincerely appreciate your input on development of this project. Are you available to meet with us and discuss ways in which the city might become involved in this unique event?

Philip Glass said about the creation of the new piece:

"Orion, the largest constellation in the night sky, can be seen in all seasons from both the Northern and Southern hemispheres. It seems that almost every civilization has created myths and taken inspiration from Orion. As the work progresses in the coming year, each of the composer/performers, including myself, will be free to draw from that inspiration in creating their work. In this way the starry heavens, seen from all over our planet, will inspire us in making and presenting a truly multi-cultural, international musical work."

We are thrilled to have this further opportunity to bring Philip Glass back to Vancouver and hope we can successfully develop a deep integration of this exciting project into the larger global picture.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss these possibilities with you.

Abby Yellen & Paul Armstrong

International Arts Initiatives
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4. Request for Public Inquiry on Death of Frank Paul (File 1263/3701)

At 11:15 a.m., Mayor Campbell declared "conflict of interest" on this matter due to his position as Mayor and Chair of the Vancouver Police Board. Mayor Campbell left Council Chamber and did not return until the conclusion of the vote on this item.

Vancouver City Council at its meeting on April 20, 2004, referred the following motion to this meeting of the Transportation and Traffic Committee in order to hear from members of the public wishing to speak:

MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

WHEREAS City of Vancouver resident Frank Paul died in 1998 under circumstances that raise concerns about some Vancouver Police Department policies, procedures and actions;

AND WHEREAS BC Police Complaints Commissioner Dirk Ryneveld has asked BC Solicitor-General Rich Coleman to hold a public inquiry on the death of Mr. Paul;

AND WHEREAS BC First Nations Summit Chief Edward John has also called for a public inquiry;

AND WHEREAS Solicitor-General Coleman has yet to call a public inquiry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council ask Solicitor-General Coleman to hold a public inquiry on the circumstances of the death of Mr. Frank Paul.

amended

The following delegations spoke in favour of the motion and a summary of their comments are provided below:

Barb Moyle
Cameron Ward
Ivan Bulic, Peace and Justice Committee
Kathy Norris, Indigenous Action Group
Cheryl Matthew, Assembly of First Nations British Columbia Region (brief filed)
Julie Berg (brief filed)
Chief Stewart Phillip, Union of BC Indian Chiefs

- suggested sending the request for public inquiry also to the Attorney General;
- an independent public inquiry is needed for social justice, fairness, and transparency of the case, and closure for family and friends, and to ensure that a similar incident does not happen again;
- felt that nothing has been done to change the conditions by way of policy or procedures to prevent a similar tragedy;
- there was no incentive for Vancouver Police Department to change;

- the case and the subsequent difficulty in getting a public inquiry identifies racial and systemic discrimination that needs to be addressed;
- there is great public interest in having a public inquiry as indicated by the number of groups calling for one and will only get bigger unless all evidence is brought out in the open and changes implemented;
- it is unprecedented in BC that all leaders of First Nations have come together on an issue, as they have done on this one;
- justice has been denied on more than one occasion;
- no one deserved that kind of treatment;
- concerns were raised about accountability, transparency, and discipline;
- the 2003 Annual Report of the current Police Complaints Commissioner was cited;
- a public inquiry would benefit all citizens;
- no public hearing, coroner's inquest or public inquiry has been done; the difference between a public hearing and public inquiry was noted;
- it is the Committee's social responsibility to call for a public inquiry.

Judy Rogers, City Manager, responded to questions clarifying rules pertaining to confidential matters.

Chief Constable Jamie Graham, Vancouver Police Department, responded to questions regarding his April 28, 2004, memo previously circulated to Council.

The Committee agreed to amend the motion as follows (*italics denotes amendment*):

WHEREAS City of Vancouver resident Frank Paul died in 1998 under circumstances that raise concerns about some Vancouver Police Department policies, procedures and actions;

AND WHEREAS BC Police Complaints Commissioner Dirk Ryneveld has asked BC Solicitor-General Rich Coleman to hold a public inquiry on the death of Mr. Paul;

AND WHEREAS the First Nations Summit, *Union of BC Indian Chiefs, United Native Nations, Assembly of First Nations BC Region and the Metis Provincial Council of BC* have also called for a public inquiry;

AND WHEREAS Solicitor-General Coleman has yet to call a public inquiry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council ask Solicitor General Rich Coleman and *Attorney General Geoff Plant* to hold a public inquiry on the circumstances of the death of Mr. Frank Paul.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the first Whereas be amended by striking out the words following the word "1998"; and

THAT the RESOLVED be amended by striking out the word "ask" and inserting the word "advise", and by striking out the words "to hold a public inquiry on the circumstances of the death of Mr. Frank Paul" and inserting the words "that the City of Vancouver welcomes public oversight of the Vancouver Police Department, and does not oppose a public inquiry into the circumstances of the death of Mr. Frank Paul."

CARRIED

(Councillors Bass, Roberts, Sullivan and Woodsworth opposed)
(The Mayor absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Councillor Sullivan

THAT the RESOLVED be amended by striking out the word "circumstances" and inserting the words "broader issues of public concern that have been brought to light as a result"

LOST

(Councillors Bass, Cadman, Green, Louis, Roberts, Stevenson, and Woodsworth opposed)
(The Mayor absent for the vote)

MOTION AS AMENDED

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AND WHEREAS the First Nations Summit, Union of BC Indian Chiefs, United Native Nations, Assembly of First Nations BC Region and the Metis Provincial Council of BC have also called for a public inquiry;

AND WHEREAS Solicitor-General Coleman has yet to call a public inquiry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council advise Solicitor General Rich Coleman and Attorney General Geoff Plant that the City of Vancouver welcomes public oversight of the Vancouver Police Department, and does not oppose a public inquiry into the circumstances of the death of Mr. Frank Paul.

CARRIED

(Councillor Sullivan opposed)
(The Mayor absent for the vote)