

NOTICE OF MEETING
PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE
A G E N D A

DATE: Monday, January 26, 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
if you are unable to attend this meeting***

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of November 24, 2003, to be approved.

1. Public Participation Invitee

As agreed at the November meeting, Mr. Pat Clark, BCTF, has been invited to address the Committee on Peace Education in our Schools.

2. Sub-Committee Updates/Reports

a. Citizen Peace Award Sub-Committee

As agreed at the November meeting, the Sub-Committee will report back on recommendations for terms of reference for the 2004 Peace Award.

b. Peace and Justice WebSite Sub-Committee

Peter Prontzos will provide the Committee with an update.

c. Public Participation Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee has prepared the attached draft "Letter of Introduction", dated January 20, 2004, for the Committee's consideration.

d. World Peace Forum Sub-Committee

e. Other Cities and Councils Liaison Sub-Committee

The attached minutes from the January 19, 2004, meeting of the Sub-Committee refer. Also attached for the Committee's consideration is a draft letter for distribution to UBCM members.

f. Star Wars Agenda Sub-Committee

3. Steve Kisby - Hunger Strike Against FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas)

The Committee, at its meeting on November 24, 2003, agreed to discuss this matter at its January meeting. The attached Media Release refers.

4. Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received:

- a. The attached letter dated December 10, 2003, from Pivot Legal Society Re: Concerns Regarding the Vancouver Police Department refers.
- b. The attached letter dated January 19, 2004, from Anne Ying Der Re: Dalai Lama's Visit to Vancouver in April 2004, refers.

5. New Business

Next Meeting:

DATE: Monday, March 29, 2004
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Strathcona Meeting Room
Sub-Ground, City Hall



**CITY OF VANCOUVER
PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**Supports Item No. 2c
Peace & Justice Committee Agenda
January 26, 2004**

January 20, 2004

**MEMBERS (Appointed by Council
July 22, 2003)**

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

**Ivan Bulic
Amanda Camley
Trustee Jane Bouey, Vancouver
School Board
Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps,
Vancouver Park Board
Thomas Anthony
David Askew
Gail Davidson Co-Chair
Sam Phillipoff
Kyla Kinzel
Christy Mori
Cara Ng
Beverley O'Neil
John Price
Peter Prontzos
Judith Radovan
Noha Sedky, Co-Chair
Al Wong**

Letter of Introduction

Dear Citizen:

This letter introduces you to a member of the City of Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee, whose names appear in the margin of the letter.

The City of Vancouver reinstated the Peace and Justice Committee on February 25, 2003. The terms of reference were approved on May 27, 2003 and are as follows:

- to establish closer working relationships with cities who are working for peace and justice;
- to work closely with peace and justice organizations in the City to promote peace and justice;
- to collect and exchange information and liaise with other municipalities involved in peace and justice initiatives;
- to consider what initiatives can be taken by municipalities acting together, to further the aim of reducing the possibility of war and ensuring justice;
- to establish Vancouver as a city of peace and justice.

We ask that you or your organization support the efforts and initiatives of the members of the Peace and Justice Committee so that Vancouver may grow as a City that fosters peace and justice for its citizens.

Sincerely,

David Cadman and Ellen Woodsworth
City of Vancouver Councillors and members of the
Peace and Justice Committee

**Other Cities and Council Liaison Sub-Committee
January 19 2003 Meeting**

Members: David Askew, Ivan Bulic, Amanda Camley, Gail Davidson, Sam Phillipoff,
Noha Sedky and Ellen Woodsworth

Present: Noha , David and Gail

Regrets: Ivan and Amanda

Minutes/Summary

1. Letter to BC municipal governments advising that Vancouver Peace and Justice exists and inviting information exchange on municipal peace initiatives.
 - a. list of interested members of municipal government in BC: David has contacted people on a Council of Canadians list and received replies Nelson and Comox Valley, Amanda has provided a Port Moody contact, Gail has Bowen Island. Gail will contact John Price for contacts that responded affirmatively to the Peace Forum letter (Parksville Qualicum, Nelson, Victoria, Saltspring Island, Smithers)
 - N.B. we need other committee members to find peace contacts in BC municipalities that passed resolutions opposing the invasion of Iraq such as Burnaby, North Vancouver, Powell River, Prince Rupert, Victoria. We should also include Whitehorse and Yellowknife
 - b. Noha drafted letter which was approved subject to receiving email input from other OCCL committee members. David will follow-up investigating whether the letter should go out through the UNCM contact or through Denise and whether letter goes on Vancouver City letterhead and the mailing address to receive replies. Email replies will be sent to Noha.
2. Other Correspondence with Municipalities. The OCCL Committee will send an additional letter to those municipal government contacts identified as being interested in peace initiatives to advise them of VPJC's mandate and work to date and invite those municipalities to: send us links or information about peace initiatives for posting on our website, to share information about their own local peace initiatives, to participate (via email) in the Peace Forum committee (not the VPJC but the larger one), to participate in peace initiatives conducted by the VPJC (i.e. to present similar resolutions to their councils, to initiate a peace award, to strike a PJC, to link with other cities, to encourage peace studies programmes, etc..
3. Contact with other cities: discussion and decision to concentrate on making contact first with BC municipalities, then with Canadian cities in other provinces and territories and then with cities outside Canada starting with those contacted by the Peace Forum group.

- a. **Website and other communications OCCL committee needs to prepare a fact sheet on the PJC, its history, its current mandate and its activities and accomplishments for posting on the website and other communications.**
- b. **Fact sheet on lobbying by civic governments around issues of war and peace and munitions and defence spending and build-up for education of councilors and media people. Gail said she would ask someone to do this.**

5. **Communication of VPJ initiatives: Should we be contacting other groups and governments to advise re the Vancouver City Council resolution on the Space Preservation Treaty? Some possibilities to contact with this information: the 73 (NDP, BlocQ and 38 Liberal) MPs who, in June/03 voted against the Alliance motion supporting Canadian participation in the US Missile Shield, Canadian peace groups opposing the MS, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Mayors for Peace Association of Peace Messenger Cities, Nuclear Free Local Authorities and so on. What group within VPJC should be doing this? Alternately should we be getting others to do this? Decided to put this question to VPJC.**

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January 19, 2004

Re: Peace Cities Network

Dear Friend,

I am writing to introduce the City of Vancouver's Peace and Justice Committee and to extend an invitation to join a network of peace cities.

The City of Vancouver reinstated the Peace and Justice committee by City Council resolution in May 2003. The Committee was established to develop working relationships with other cities and organizations interested in promoting peace and justice. <http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/committees/peacejustice/>. Since the inception of the committee, City Council has passed a motion urging the federal government to push forward a space-preservation treaty (Attachment A) and has initiated worldwide discussions around the subject of hosting a World Peace Forum in Vancouver in 2005 or 2006 (Attachment C).

Cities throughout the world are playing an increasingly important role in addressing issues of peace and justice. This is evident in the Mayors Network for Peace, the UN-designated Peace Messenger Cities, and the Cities for Peace coalition created in opposition to the war in Iraq. In fact, over 300 cities in Canada, the US, and around the world demonstrated their condemnation of the US-led war in Iraq by passing council resolutions that opposed the war; see for example Attachment B – City of Vancouver motion.

Such international response by cities is easily warranted when we consider the level of disparity in the world and the contradictions of our actions. Troops are still present in Iraq today, at the same time that inequality, poverty, and other human rights abuses continue unabated in both rich and poor countries alike. The research and development of space-based weapons is ongoing as are the destruction of the environment and the struggle of the world's population for their basic rights.

For these reasons, the Peace and Justice Committee feels a particular urgency for dialogue and cooperation between cities working towards a world based on peace and justice. Through establishing a regional or provincial network of local governments working towards peace, our individual aims of reducing the possibility of war and ensuring justice would be greatly enhanced. As such, we are hoping to begin dialogue with city councils and relevant committees throughout BC interested in working jointly on peace and justice initiatives.

If your Council or committee is interested in sharing information and resources, and working collaboratively on municipal-level initiatives for peace, then please send us an email or letter with the following information:

- contact person, telephone, email
- alternate contact person, telephone, email

- mailing address
- any additional background information regarding your city council or committee's peace and justice interests or activities

Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Noha Sedky

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enc.

Attachment A. – City Council Motion on Space Preservation Treaty 2003

Attachment B – Member's Motion to Seek Peaceful Resolution to Iraq Situation 2002

Attachment C – Letter from Councillor Ellen Woodsworth regarding World Peace Forum

Space Preservation Treaty (File 1263)

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

WHEREAS, the termination of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty on June 13, 2002, permits research, development, testing, manufacturing, production and deployment of space-based weapons, thereby promoting an arms race in space;

AND WHEREAS, the Space Preservation Treaty will establish a permanent ban on all space-based weapons, on the use of weapons to destroy or damage objects in space that are in orbit; and the permanent termination of research and development, testing, manufacturing, production and deployment of all space-based weapons;

AND WHEREAS, the Space Preservation Treaty will establish an outer space peacekeeping agency to monitor outer space and enforce the permanent ban of space-based weapons;

AND WHEREAS, the Space Preservation Treaty permits space exploration, space research and development, testing, manufacturing or deployment that is not related to space-based weapons or systems, including civil, commercial, or defence activities such as communications, navigation, surveillance, reconnaissance, early warning, or remote sensing;

AND WHEREAS, the Space Preservation Treaty facilitates investment in clean, safe and sustainable technology, products and services to support expanded, cooperative, non-weapons space ventures and the consequent stimulation of the national and world economy;

AND WHEREAS, the Space Preservation Treaty preserves the peaceful, cooperative uses of space for all residents of Vancouver and prevents harmful health and safety impacts on residents from space-based weapons testing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Vancouver City Council urge the Prime Minister of Canada to sign the Space Preservation Treaty and have the House of Commons of Canada ratify it;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Vancouver City Council urge the Government of Canada to convene a treaty-signing conference for the Space Preservation Treaty, as Canada did in the treaty-signing conference in December 1997, where 122 countries signed the Convention Banning Land Mines, known as the Ottawa Convention;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, this resolution of Vancouver City Council be sent to the President and Executive of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for information.

CARRIED

(Councillors Ladner and Sullivan opposed)

(Councillors Green and Louis absent for the vote)

MEMBERS' MOTION

Motion to Seek Peaceful Resolution to Iraq Situation

The following Notice of Motion is submitted by Councillor Louis:

MOVED by Councillor Louis

SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

WHEREAS, the UN General Assembly in Resolution A/RES/39/159 demands that all "states take no actions aimed at military intervention and occupation, forcible change in or undermining of the socio-political system of states, destabilization and overthrow of their governments and, in particular, initiate no military action to that end under any pretext whatsoever and cease forthwith any such action already in progress";

AND WHEREAS, unilateral, preemptive military action by the United States without a legally valid United Nations Security Council resolution would violate Articles 2 and 51 of the *United Nations Charter* and international customary law;

AND WHEREAS, such action would thus constitute the supreme international crime according to the principles laid down by the Nuremberg Tribunal;

AND WHEREAS, the Security Council is bound to act in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the *UN Charter* to maintain international peace and can authorize the use of limited force only when:

- there exists a proven threat to international peace and security, and;
- all peaceful means have failed to contain the identified threat, and;
- use of force is necessary, proportionate to the threat and is in the common interest.

AND WHEREAS, Canada's *National Defence Act*, R.S. 1985, C. N-5 stipulates that Canada may engage in military action in the event that Canada or a NATO ally is attacked or pursuant to an action taken under the UN Charter;

AND WHEREAS, according to UNICEF and other international relief agencies, non-military sanctions against Iraq have resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of children due to inadequate food, water and medicine;

AND WHEREAS, a further war in Iraq would result in extensive death, injury and suffering to the Iraqi people;

AND WHEREAS, the United Nations declared this decade, 2000-2010 as the "International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World" (UN Declaration 53/25, November 10, 1998), urging all people and all levels of government to seek non-violent approaches to conflict resolution and wider education about international law and alternatives to war;

AND WHEREAS, many cities in North America have passed resolutions expressing opposition to use of military force to compel a regime change in Iraq, including Washington, DC, Seattle, Washington, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Santa Cruz, California, Ithaca, New York, Santa Fe, New Mexico, New Haven, Connecticut, Oakland, California, and Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Attachment B. – Member's Motion to Seek Peaceful Resolution to Iraq Situation 2003

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Vancouver City Council:

(a) Hereby express our opposition to a threatened United States' pre-emptive military action against Iraq that is not explicitly authorized by a legally valid United Nations Security Council resolution; and

(b) Hereby urge the Federal Government of Canada to take all diplomatic measures to urge the United States to adhere to the requirements of the *UN Charter* and to work with and through the United Nations to obtain peaceful compliance by Iraq with United Nations Security Council Resolution #1441 concerning the disarmament of Iraq of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons; and

(c) Hereby call on all governments, especially the Government of Canada, to:

- comply with the *United Nations Charter*, and;
- reject a military approach to solving conflicts between states, and;
- seek to eliminate the root causes of conflict and find solutions by peaceful means for the common good of all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Vancouver is opposed to Canada's involvement in any military action against Iraq unless the military action is authorized by a legally valid resolution of the United Nations Security Council and by Canadian laws.

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**CITY OF VANCOUVER
COUNCILLORS' OFFICE**

COUNCILLOR ELLEN WOODSWORTH

December 16, 2003

Dear Peace Supporter,

I am very pleased to report that on November 24th, 2003, Vancouver City's Peace and Justice Committee unanimously voted to continue working on the idea of a proposal to host a World Peace Forum in 2005.

This support takes us one step closer to making the Vancouver peace initiative a reality. Now we need you and your organizations to become actively involved.

Your responses to my initial letter convinced me that there is strong support for a Vancouver peace initiative. Some people, however, believe that war is not city business, that promoting world peace is not city business. I disagree. War affects everybody, including the citizens of Vancouver. War and global militarism, and the politics of fear that accompany them, threaten our cities - they promote racism, violence against women and the poor, and discrimination against our citizens. At the same time, increasing military budgets divert resources from urgent social programs including monies for our schools, and for crucial inner city projects.

There are other challenges. A world peace forum is a major undertaking - to arrive there we will need to get our own acts together, and coordinate with cities and the peace movement on local, regional, and world levels. We are making progress.

We have learned that the long-established anti-nuclear movement is already focusing on two key actions in 2005 - mobilization for the nuclear disarmament review at the United Nations in April-May 2005 and for the commemorative assemblies in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August, 2005, the 60th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bombs. We have asked Vancouver's Mayor, Larry Campbell, to contact Mayor Akiba of Hiroshima, to see how our efforts can reinforce the existing efforts on the anti-nuclear front.

The anti-war movement that grew to huge proportions this spring continues to mobilize. A major action is planned on March 20, the 1st anniversary of the war against Iraq. Peace is a major theme at the World Social Forum to take place in Mumbai this January. In order to better coordinate the Vancouver peace initiative with the world anti-war movement, I have decided, with the endorsement of the Peace and Justice committee, to travel to Mumbai and take an active part in the anti-war planning.



**CITY OF VANCOUVER
COUNCILLORS' OFFICE**

COUNCILLOR ELLEN WOODSWORTH

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Our peace and justice initiative has as its objectives to bring local government and NGOs together in mutually reinforcing ways; to involve young citizens in the quest for peace and justice; and to facilitate better coordination in the world peace movement.

We need your help. We need to know from cities and the NGOs you work with, what actions we might undertake together in 2004-2005 as part of the Vancouver peace initiative. And we need to think how we can mobilize the resources both financial and otherwise necessary to make sure peace becomes a priority of all cities, and to ensure a world peace forum becomes a reality. Please write me with your ideas or, if you are able, please join us at our next Coordination Committee meeting on January 5, 2004, at 5 P.M. at City Hall.

Sincerely,

Ellen Woodsworth
Councillor
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604.873.7245

EW/la

**Supports Item No. 3
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[imc-vancouver] Hunger Strike Against FTAA Ends After 24 Days
Steve Kisby skisby at web.net
Thu Nov 20 14:50:28 PST 2003

Previous message: [imc-vancouver] Announcement About Hunger Strike On Thursday
Next message: [imc-vancouver] Buy Nothing Critical Mass Roll & Ride
Messages sorted by: [date] [thread] [subject] [author]

<http://www.alternatives.com/prms/2003/vsfc1120.pdf>

**MEDIA RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Rob Baxter, 604.267.6065
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**Hunger Strike Against FTAA Ends After 24 Days
Local Vigil Occurs in Solidarity with Protests in Miami**

VANCOUVER -- November 20, 2003 -- The Vancouver hunger strike against the FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas) ended today after 24 days. Several local activists began the strike on October 27 including one who went all 24 days without food. The activists also maintained a camp at the Peace Arch border crossing during those 24 days.

The hunger strike symbolically ended on the day the FTAA Ministerial Meetings begin in Miami. The hunger strikers wanted to express solidarity with the thousands of protestors in the streets of Miami some of which were Vancouver residents.

Spokesperson Rob Baxter said he thought the hunger strike had been a success. "Many Canadians are unaware of this trade agreement which will directly affect their lives in many ways. By maintaining a visible presence during these 24 days we were able to raise awareness of the issue."

The activists have received words of support from many individuals. Maude Barlow, National Chairperson for the Council of Canadians, expressed her support for the hunger strikers by saying, "I deeply believe that they are trying to bring attention to all Canadians about what this potential threat is." MPs such as Libby Davies and City Councilors such as Vancouver's Fred Bass and Ellen Woodsworth have also expressed support for the hunger strike.

The hunger strikers also were in communication with officials of Canada's Federal Trade Office who are currently negotiating in Miami. "They were unwilling or unable to answer even basic questions we presented to them," said Baxter. "Although the Federal government has asked for citizen input they have essentially ignored that input. That is why people are resorting to new forms of protest like this hunger strike," Baxter continued.

The protesters had presented a series of principles that they would like immediate action on (see Principles for Immediate Action attached).

For more information on the hunger strike visit: <http://www.economicjustice.ca>
The event was organized by Artists For Peace (<http://www.artistsforpeace.ca>)

Principles for Immediate Action:

1. The City of Vancouver pass a resolution declaring Vancouver an FTAA-free zone.
2. The Federal Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew come to Vancouver and meet with the hunger strikers at our protest site before he attends the FTAA Summit in Miami this November.
3. The Canadian government commence action to repeal the investor-state provision of NAFTA (chapter 11) and preclude it's inclusion in the FTAA.
4. Before any Americas trade deal is signed by Canada, the Canadian government must take action to ensure that the rights of all of this continent's peoples are protected by a written code of human rights, signed by all countries involved, with real enforceable provisions.
5. A federal referendum be held to determine our (Canadian) participation in all present and future International Trade Agreements.
6. The FTAA not infringe on the right of local indigenous communities and nations to govern themselves, including the ability of those local communities and nations to control resources and lands within their territories.

For more information, please also see:

1. Global Exchange's "Top Ten Reasons to Oppose the Free Trade Area of the Americas": <http://www.globalexchange.org/campaigns/ftaa/Top10NoFTAA.pdf>
<http://www.globalexchange.org/ftaa/topten.html>
2. Council of Canadians' "Stop the FTAA":
http://www.canadians.org/documents/stop_the_ftaa-e.pdf
http://www.canadians.org/display_document.htm?id=108&isdoc=1
3. Vancouver Hunger Strike Against the FTAA:
<http://www.economicjustice.ca>

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December 10, 2003

City of Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee
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Attn: Cllrs David Cadman and Ellen Woodsworth, Gail Davidson and Noha Sedky

Re: Concerns Regarding the Vancouver Police Department

This is a formal request for the City of Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee to look into the ever-increasing litany of incidents which have called into question the activities and conduct of the Vancouver Police Department, specifically in relation to their interactions with marginalized persons. These incidents include: the death of Frank Paul, the death of Jeff Berg, the Stanley Park Six, the Britannia Protest, the Guns and Roses riot, and the 50 complaints laid by Pivot Legal Society, to name only a few.

The City of Vancouver and its taxpayers fund the Vancouver Police Department, and it is critical that that police department is accountable to the citizens it serves, whatever their relative status in society. The Vancouver Police Department has dismissed all criticism; however, it is an open question whether they are best positioned to evaluate the validity of questions that have been raised about their operations and activities. The provincial government and the police board it has appointed appear to have little interest in addressing the increasing public concern, as voiced by the editorial boards of both the Vancouver Sun and Province newspapers, about the potentially systemic nature of police misconduct in Vancouver.

In the face of this situation, Pivot Legal Society submits that the Peace and Justice Subcommittee of the City of Vancouver must take the lead on this critical issue, and take whatever steps are in its power to ensure that the rights of Vancouver residents are being respected, that concerns about systemic misconduct are addressed, and that the highest quality of policing possible is being provided.

Yours truly,

John Richardson
Barrister & Solicitor
Executive Director, Pivot Legal Society

**Supports Item No. 4b
Peace & Justice Committee Agenda
January 26, 2004**

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January 19, 2004

Peace and Justice Committee
City of Vancouver

To: The Co-Chairs and Members of the Peace and Justice Committee

Re: Dalai Lama's visit to Vancouver in April 2004

There will be a conference sponsored by UBC, SFU, the local Tibetan community, and others this April. The keynote speaker is the Dalai Lama, leader of the Tibetan government in exile. Other keynote speakers include South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Iranian Nobel Peace laureate Shrin Abadi and former Czech president Vaclav Havel.

I am attaching a January 16, Globe and Mail news article, and a tentative schedule of the event.

It would be an honour for the City of Vancouver to acknowledge the visit of these spiritual and political leaders, possibly by a proclamation, or in another appropriate way. Their visit will be a special and meaningful contribution to world peace.

I will attend the Peace and Justice Committee meeting on January 26 and look forward to the committee's response. Given the committee's busy schedule there may be a way to accomplish an acknowledgment of their visit without too much work.

Yours sincerely,



Anne Ying Der

cc: Office of the Mayor
cc: Councilor David Cadman

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His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Vancouver 2004 Visit.

Note: tentative schedule, the events may change

Briefing of His Holiness' visit: His Holiness will attend an academic conference with invitees the Aga Khan, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Canterbury, Czech ex-president Victor Havel, and several others. UBC will bestow an honorary doctorate on His Holiness Dalai Lama. SFU will bestow an honorary doctorate on Archbishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness will be invited to attend. (SFU is awaiting A. Tutu's response.) His Holiness will also launch a new chair in Tibetan studies at UBC.

Saturday April 17: His Holiness to arrive in Vancouver

Sunday April 18: His Holiness to attend a welcome brunch at UBC

- His Holiness to give a Dharma talk (1 - 3 pm).
- His Holiness to give a public talk (5 - 6:30 pm) - organized by the Tibetan community

Monday April 19: His Holiness to receive an honorary doctorate at UBC

- academic conference at UBC (educating the heart and mind).
- His Holiness to give key note address for conference
- lunch at UBC with Martha Piper and others
- audience with Tibetan community
- His Holiness to be honoured at a Vancouver Symphony tribute (5:30 PM)

Tuesday April 20

- His Holiness to attend a round table at the Wosk Centre
- to SFU to see Archbishop Desmond Tutu receive an honorary doctorate
- His Holiness to have a free evening

Wednesday April 21: His Holiness to leave for Ottawa

Keynote address/Honorary Degree ceremony (no cost). Space is limited. Details on attendance will be available shortly.

Roundtable Dialogue Wosk Centre (no cost): Tentatively 6 to 10 tickets will be given to each dharma group and 1 or 2 of these tickets will be for seats in the room where H.H. will be, others will be inside of the Wosk Center, and in the Chan Center with simulcasting.

Musical tribute: with the Vancouver Symphony, 2 levels of tickets \$150 (which includes reception with HHDL) and \$68

Public Talk: \$65, 50, 35 (Organized by the Tibetan community)

Spiritual Teaching: possible venues, The Pacific Coliseum or The Orpheum Theater. Tentatively three tiers for tickets - \$20, \$50 and \$100 (CND). For this event, there will be complementary tickets offered to the monastic community with appropriate seating.

