

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 29, 2004

A meeting of the Peace and Justice Committee was held on Monday, November 29, 2004, at 4:30 p.m., in the Strathcona Meeting Room, Sub-Ground, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: *Councillor David Cadman, Co-Chair
 *Councillor Ellen Woodsworth, Vice-Chair
 David Askew
 Thomas Anthony
 *Ivan Bulic
 *Amanda Camley
 Gail Davidson, Co-Chair
 Sam Fillipoff
 *Kyla Kinzel
 Lizz Lindsay
 Christy Mori
 John Price
 Peter Prontzos
 Al Wong

ABSENT: Trustee Jane Bouey, Vancouver School Board (Civic Business)
 Kyla Kinzel
 Commissioner Lyndsay Poaps, Vancouver Park Board (Civic
 Business)
 Cara Ng
 Beverley O'Neill
 Noha Sedky, Co-Chair

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Denise Salmon, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

New Member

The Committee welcomed new member, Lizz Lindsay.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2004, were approved as circulated.

VARY THE AGENDA

Note from Clerk: The items are recorded in the order in which they were dealt with.

Moved by Gail Davidson
Seconded by Sam Fillipoff

THAT the order of the Agenda be varied to deal with Item 2f first to accommodate visitors present for this item;

FURTHER THAT 30 minutes be the time allotted for discussion of the item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 4:45 p.m., Councillors Cadman and Woodsworth declared Conflict of Interest for Item 1 f. Gail Davidson assumed the Chair. Councillors Cadman and Woodsworth left the room, and returned at 6:00 p.m. following the conclusion of the vote on the matter.

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1. Sub-Committee Updates/Reports

f. Justice Sub-Committee

i) Policing Issues

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. These documents were before the Committee for discussion.

Ivan Bulic provided background and rationale for moving forward with the policing issues report, and referenced material related to elected police boards. Members discussed the need for transparency and accountability, and also referenced the costs involved.

Present, at the invitation of the Sub-Committee, were Craig Jones of the BC Civil Liberties Association, and Francois Paradis of Pivot, who attended as resource persons to answer questions. Preston Guno, Urban Native Youth Association and Kelly L'Hirondelle, Executive Director of the Knowledgeable Aboriginal Youth Association (KAYA) also addressed the Committee, and put forward a number of recommendations, including the need to ensure a member of the Aboriginal Community is included on the Police Board.

After lengthy discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed to include reference in the motion to the need for one member of the Police Board to be appointed from the Aboriginal Community, and selected by an Aboriginal Advisory Committee. Following a brief recess, it was

MOVED by Ivan Bulic
SECONDED by Amanda Camley

Whereas the Peace and Justice Committee, on May 31st 2004, directed the Justice sub-committee to review and report on the policing issues raised by Pivot Legal Society;

And Whereas, in response to a request from the Justice Sub-committee for additional information, Pivot Legal Society prepared the report, *Towards More Effective Police Oversight (September 2004)*;

And Whereas it is a fundamental principle that the police in a democratic society be accountable to civilian authorities;
And Whereas the Justice Sub-Committee has reviewed this report and endorses the six recommendations, namely;

- Independent Civilian Investigations
 1. That British Columbia expand the budget and powers of the Office of the Police Complaints Commission to enable it to conduct timely, thorough independent civilian investigations of public complaints against municipal police officers, with unrestricted access to all police evidence and witnesses necessary for the investigation.
 2. That when such an investigation determines that a police officer has engaged in professional misconduct that is not criminal, the findings of the investigation should be referred directly to a police complaints tribunal for disciplinary action. The role of this tribunal should be styled after the Quebec Comité de déontologie policière, and its adjudicators should be selected by an *ad hoc* committee consisting of one former police officer, one former judge, one sitting member of the provincial government, one sitting member of the municipal government and a representative of the Ombudsman of BC.
 3. That when such an investigation determines that a police officer has engaged in professional misconduct that is criminal, the findings of the investigation should be presented to a provincial court judge who will rule on an *ex parte* basis whether a *prima facie* case has been made for the laying of charges, the normal procedure for private prosecutions per *s. 507 of the Criminal Code of Canada*. If charges are approved, a special prosecutor should be retained by Crown Counsel to prosecute the case.
- Sensitivity Training
 4. That the Vancouver Police Department work with local community groups to develop a sensitivity training program aimed at educating Downtown Eastside officers about the realities of living as a drug addict, a sex-trade worker, or a homeless person, and benefits of harm reduction as a crime prevention and health protection technique. The program should educate officers about their options when dealing with marginalized persons, and encourage them to find alternatives to arrest that create opportunities for long-term change in such persons' behaviour or lifestyle.
- Integrity Testing
 5. That the Vancouver Police Department establish an integrity testing program in the Downtown Eastside aimed at reducing instances of misconduct by Vancouver Police Department officers in their interactions with marginalized persons.
- Elected Police Board
 6. The City of Vancouver commission a feasibility study to examine directly elected police boards, and enter into discussions with the provincial government about ways to increase the level of local representation and

accountability in our Police Board, including further consideration given to ensure one member of the Police Board is an appointee from the Aboriginal community, selected by an Aboriginal advisory committee.

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Vancouver Peace and Justice Committee endorse the recommendations set out above, and;

Be it Further Resolved that this resolution and its recommendations be forwarded by the Peace and Justice Committee together with the report *Towards More Effective Police Oversight* to Vancouver City Council for appropriate action.

Carried

AMENDMENT MOVED by Al Wong
NOT SECONDED

THAT the Motion include provisions in regard to hiring practices.

Not Put

POSTPONMENT MOVED by Sam Phillipoff
SECONDED by John Price

THAT this Motion be postponed to the next meeting of the Committee on January 31, 2005, to ensure due process is followed, which would include the opportunity for Police representatives to comment, prior to a vote on this matter.

LOST

(Thomas Anthony, Ivan Bulic, Amanda Camley, Gail Davidson, Kyla Kinzel, Lizz Lindsay, Christy Mori, Peter Prontzos and Al Wong opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Amanda Camley
SECONDED by Kyla Kinzel

THAT the first RESOLVED in the Motion be deleted, and the second RESOLVED be amended to read as follows:

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LOST

(David Askew, Thomas Anthony, Ivan Bulic, Sam Phillipoff, Lizz Lindsay, John Price and Al Wong opposed)

The Motion to Postpone, and both amendments having LOST, Ivan Bulic's Motion was put and CARRIED, with Thomas Anthony, Sam Phillipoff, John Price and Lizz Lindsay opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

MOVED by Ivan Bulic
SECONDED by Amanda Camley

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CARRIED

(Thomas Anthony, Sam Fillipoff, John Price and Lizz Lindsay opposed)

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, were before the Committee for consideration.

Following brief discussion, it was

MOVED by David Askew

SECONDED by Al Wong,

THAT the Citizen Peace Award proceed as set out in Item 2 of the Committee's adopted Criteria, as follows:

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Ivan Bulic, Amanda Camley and Kyla Kinzel absent for the vote)

b. Peace and Justice WebSite Sub-Committee

<http://www.peaceandjustice.ca>

c. Public Participation Sub-Committee

David Askew reviewed with the Committee, notes from the October 25, 2004, meeting of the Public Participation Sub-Committee and sought a number of motions from the Committee related to the World Peace Forum. Also distributed for the Committee's information was a Time Line for Flags and Banners (copy on file). Sam Fillipoff provided details of work to date on the flags and banners project, and noted this initiative is connected to a grant application to VanCity.

In addition, the Sub-Committee sought a motion from the Committee requesting City Council endorse the call for public hearings on the proposed Missile Defence System if a decision on MDS has not already been made by the federal government.

MOVED by David Askew
SECONDED by Sam Fillipoff

THAT the Peace and Justice Committee 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Sam Fillipoff
SECONDED by David Askew

- A. THAT a media training session/workshop be organized to take place prior to the Council meeting where the final decision on the World Peace Forum will be made, so that the Peace and Justice Committee members are prepared to defend the decision of the City to co-sponsor the World Peace Forum. Recommended participants would be all Councillors and VPJC members; and

FURTHER THAT the session/workshop cover common values, principles and Q and A's, and be coordinated by Ivan Bulic.

- B. THAT, following formal agreement of Council to participate in the World Peace Forum, the Mayor be requested to send a letter to all City departments, announcing that this is a City initiative and requesting all get behind it.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by David Askew
SECONDED by John Price

THAT if public hearings on the proposed Missile Defence System remain an option from the Federal Government, the Committee request City Council endorse the call for these hearings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. World Peace Forum Sub-Committee

The Committee had before it for information an extract from the Vancouver City Council meeting of November 16, 2004, and relevant Report, dated November 8, 2004, from the Peace and Justice Committee, regarding the World Peace Forum 2006. Also before the Committee was a copy of the agenda for the World Peace Forum Preparatory Conference, which had been held on November 26 and 27th.

John Price acknowledged the contributions made by all to make the Preparatory Conference a success, and also sought approval, input and/or motions from the Committee on:

1. A document entitled "World Peace Forum 2006 - A Working Vision" (distributed at the meeting and on file).

(Councillor Woodsworth, David Askew and Noha Sedky represent the Peace and Justice Committee on the Joint Steering Committee). Councillor Woodsworth advised the working vision must be revised by early January; therefore comments are required by December 8th, and should be directed to John Price through email. The need for a stronger reference to International Law, as well as the need for the document to assist in moving the Committee toward achievement of one of its major objectives was also noted. The Committee agreed to withhold further comment until all amendments have been made to the document.

MOVED by Ivan Bulic
SECONDED by Kyla Kinzel

THAT the Peace and Justice Committee accept, in principle, the "World Peace Forum 2006 - A Working vision" document; and

FURTHER THAT 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, as discussed this day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTE FROM CLERK: At the request of the Committee, attached as Appendix A, is a copy of the United Nations General Assembly "Solemn appeal made the President of the General Assembly on 4 August 2004 in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce". This document is referenced in the November 8th report from the Peace and Justice Committee entitled "World Peace Forum 2006.

2. Agreement, that until the World Peace Forum website is up, all documents related to preparations be posted on the outside Peace and Justice website (Peter Prontzos agreed to do this).

MOVED by John Price
SECONDED by Peter Prontzos

THAT documents related to the World Peace Forum preparation be posted on the outside Peace and Justice website and the Clerk be requested to forward relevant web-ready material and the World Peace Forum Society be requested to forward the required additional documents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. The need to clarify the focus/content of the consultants' report, as approved by Council on November 16th, regarding the feasibility of holding a World Peace Forum in conjunction with the World Urban Forum in 2006. Committee members noted the need for a separate report from the Peace and Justice Committee (to be prepared for discussion by January 29th), and the need to liaise with the consultants, who report directly to the City Manager, regarding the intended direction of their report.

MOVED by John Price
SECONDED by Tom Anthony

THAT the World Peace Forum joint steering committee be requested to prepare a report, as an adjunct to the consultant's report, on the feasibility of holding a World Peace Forum in conjunction with the World Urban Forum in 2006; .

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Agreement that the Peace and Justice Committee, the World Peace Forum Society and Stopwar.ca work together to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Hiroshima Day on August 6th, 2005.

MOVED by John Price
SECONDED by Tom Anthony

- A. THAT the Peace and Justice Committee collaborate with the World Peace Forum Society and Stopwar.ca to organize the commemoration for the anniversary of Hiroshima on August 6th, 2005.
- B. THAT a Hiroshima Day Sub-committee be struck, comprised of John Price, Al Wong, Ivan Bulic and with the support of both Councillors Woodsworth and Cadman.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. Star Wars Agenda Sub-Committee

No report at this meeting.

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, recommended the meeting date be changed from March 28, to March 21, 2005.

MOVED by David Askew
SECONDED by Kyla Kinzel

THAT, to accommodate Spring Break, the Peace and Justice Committee meet on Monday, March 14, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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.

Accordingly, members referred to the resolution passed unanimously by Nelson City Council on September 29, 2004, as follows:

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.

As the fate of the monument has now been decided, the Committee unanimously agreed to receive this for information.

3. New Business

a) World Peace Forum 2006

Councillor Woodsworth drew the Committee's attention to three recent items related to participation in the World Peace Forum (attached as Appendix B at the Committee's request):

- Park Board motion;
- Extract from the Vancouver School Board "Board Highlights" newsletter; and
- VPL motion

b) Sanctuary for Soldiers of Illegal Wars

Peter Prontzos advised he, and some students, had met with Ujjal Dosanjh, Minister of Health, to discuss Canada's duty to provide some sort of sanctuary for soldiers of illegal wars. Gail Davidson agreed to work with Mr. Prontzos on this matter.

c) Avoiding Duplication of Email Distributions

Tom Anthony sought direction on avoiding duplication of emails, particularly as it relates to material forwarded to him from the Institute for Cooperation in Space (ICIS).

d) Media Protocol for Advisory Bodies

The Chair drew the Committee's attention to the City of Vancouver Media Protocol document, circulated under separate cover.

e) Whistler Rotary Committee Meeting

Sam Fillipoff, sought Committee agreement on a presentation he has been requested to give to the Whistler Rotary Committee. The Committee so agreed.

Next Meeting:

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

The Committee adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**General Assembly**

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Fifty-eighth session**Agenda item 23 (a)**

Sport for peace and development: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal

Solemn appeal made by the President of the General Assembly on 4 August 2004 in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce

The President of the General Assembly has the honour to make the following solemn appeal in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce:

On 3 November 2003, the General Assembly adopted resolution 58/6, in which it urged Member States to observe the Olympic Truce during the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad to be held in Athens, from 13 to 29 August 2004.

The sacred Greek tradition of *ekecheiria* (truce) constituted the cornerstone of the Olympic Games in ancient times, providing safety and a peaceful environment for both the athletes competing in the Games and for the spectators in attendance. Its very adoption was dictated by the oracle of Delphi as a way to put an end to the wars that at the time devastated the Peloponnese. The longest lasting peace accord in history was thus created.

Olympism was revived in 1896, aiming at contributing to a peaceful future for mankind through the educational value of sport. The Olympic Movement brings together the youth of the world in a great sports festival, promoting peace, friendship, solidarity and fair play.

Since 1993, support for the Olympic Truce has grown steadily within the General Assembly, reaching the unprecedented unanimous co-sponsorship of last year's resolution. During these turbulent times, Member States are demonstrating their confidence in the Olympic Truce Ideal.

This year, for the first time in the history of the United Nations, we received the Olympic Flame at United Nations Headquarters. It travelled around the globe, through 26 countries and 34 cities, covering all five continents. It carried the message of hope for a world free from hatred and war, a world where ideals of peace, goodwill and mutual respect form the basis of relations among peoples and countries.

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Observing the Olympic Truce means constructing bridges of communication between adversaries, allowing the youth of the world to peacefully participate in the Olympic Games and creating the necessary infrastructure for the continuation of dialogue and the renewal of hope for reconciliation, both during the Games and throughout the four-year period of Olympiads.

In times of violence and uncertainty, of war and struggle, when security becomes a pressing concern, we must always remember that defensive mechanisms need to be paralleled by resolute efforts to promote dialogue and understanding among peoples and Governments and to adhere to the ideals for which the Olympic Truce stands.

We are confident that the appropriate measures taken by Greece, in close cooperation with the international community, will ensure the staging of the Games in a safe and peaceful environment.

I, therefore, solemnly appeal to all States to demonstrate their commitment to peace in the world by observing the Olympic Truce during the XXVIII Olympic Games in Athens. While conflicts in the world will not cease overnight, if we could have peace for sixteen days, then, maybe, just maybe, we could have it forever.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HELD AT THE PARK BOARD OFFICE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2004**

PRESENT:	Chair	- Anita Romaniuk
	Vice Chair	- Loretta Woodcock
	Commissioners	- Suzanne Anton
		- Heather Deal
		- Allan De Genova
		- Eva Riccius
		- Lyndsay Poaps
	General Manager	- Susan Mundick
	Director of Planning and Operations	- Piet Rutgers
	Director of Queen Elizabeth District	- Liane McKenna
	Director of Corporate Services	- Anita Ho
	Manager of Facility Development	- Rudy Roelofsen
	Manager of Communications	- Joyce Courtney
	Recording Secretary	- Julie Casanova

Motions

Moved by Commissioner Poaps,

Whereas the City of Vancouver has declared itself as a City of Peace, and;

Whereas city government plays an important role in the renewal of a world wide peace movement and city peace networks exist in many countries.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Vancouver Park Board endorse and participate in the World Peace Forum of 2006 and work on ways, such as providing facility space, to engage our community in the Forum as appropriate.

- Carried Unanimously.

A member of the Board requested that community centre associations should be informed of this event.

VSB

Board Highlights

From the board meeting of the Vancouver School Board

Monday, Nov. 15, 2004

Focus on school libraries

In response to the premier's announcements about literacy, the board will send a letter to him emphasizing the important role played by school libraries on this issue.

The School Library Resource Centre Consultative Committee is reviewing standards for school libraries and will report back to the Education and Student Services Committee. In addition, the board has asked district staff for information about how our school libraries are used and how many have access to trained teacher-librarians and full-time staff.

The school board will also take out a membership to the B.C. Coalition of School Libraries. The BCCSL is a group of parents, educators, publishers and librarians who advocate for literacy, culture and student achievement through strong school library programs.

Effect of ministry announcements

Several trustees spoke out about the challenges that have descended on the school district because of communication from the Ministry of Education. The provincial government is making regular funding announcements tied to current hot topics. However, the timelines are often tight and there is not enough staff in the district to handle all the coordination and administrative details.

One trustee noted that what schools really need is an overall increase in education funding.

Another trustee said provincial initiatives would be more effective if school boards were included in the ministry's communication plans. The board will send a letter to the Ministry of Education offering to meet to discuss this issue.

Anti-racism work plan

Trustees agreed that anti-racism efforts in the district need revitalization. Currently, multicultural kits and resources are being developed and schools are notified of cultural events and holidays such as Asia Heritage Month and Black History Month.

An anti-racism action plan, developed by the Race Relations Working Group, was received and will be forwarded to the District Management Team to develop specific timelines. Those recommendations will then be taken to the next Race Relations Advisory Committee meeting in December. If the RRAC approves the plan, it will be brought back to the Education and Student Services Committee.

World Peace Forum

The school board is a partner in establishing the World Peace Forum in 2006. Vancouver students and staff will be involved in a number of initiatives to advance world peace, including the Peace Banners Project and a student forum.

Superintendent's update

- Following from the Premier's Summit on Literacy on Nov. 3, Superintendent Chris Kelly said he has learned that the Vancouver School Board may be eligible for up to \$240,000 in grants for new or existing district programs that support literacy.
- The superintendent met with grounds staff at the VSB nursery and toured several facilities in the district to see a variety of works in progress and learn about the district's environmental practices in relation to grounds maintenance and development.

Next school board meeting: Monday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.

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MINUTES

Vancouver Public Library

VPL Board

Wednesday, October
27th 2004

DATE: Wednesday, October 27th 2004

ACTING
CHAIR: Shannon Daub

PRESENT: BOARD: Meera Bawa; John Buckberrough, Vice-Chair; Kevin Chong; Shannon Daub, Vice-Chair; Dermot Foley; Thomas Hansen; Arlene Higgs; Angela Kenyon, School Board Representative; Larry Kuehn; Anita Romaniuk, Parks & Recreations Board Representative; Anita Zaenker;
MANAGEMENT: Paul Whitney, City Librarian; Brian Campbell, Director of Systems & Special Projects; Janice Douglas, Director of Youth Services & Community Relations; Shelagh Flaherty, Director of Central & Reference Services; Sandra Singh, Director of Branches East; Eric Smith, Director of Corporate Services
STAFF PRESENT: Lesli Boldt, Manager of Marketing & Communications; Peter DeGroot, President, CUPE Local 391; Ed Dickson, Supervisor, Bindery; Anita Galanopoulos, Librarian 1, Science & Technology; Jeanie Kamimura, Human Resources Officer; Judi Walker, Head, Children's Division

REGRETS: Joan Andersen, Chair; Councillor Tim Louis

RECORDER: Georgina Bray, Executive Assistant

OTHER BUSINESS

10. World Peace Forum in 2006

Paul Whitney referred to the email he sent to trustees informing them about the request from Councillor Ellen Woodsworth that she would like to obtain an endorsement from the Library Board on the World Peace Forum. The Park and School Boards have passed resolutions in support of the proposal and have begun working on programs. The Library can actively be engaged in obvious areas to assist the Peace and Justice Committee in terms of providing space, distributing materials and working with them in developing a webpage and links to regular collection resources. The Chair then called for a resolution; and

On motion, duly made by A. Higgs and seconded by K. Chong, it was unanimously resolved:

THAT the Vancouver Public Library hereby supports the proposal of the Vancouver City Peace and Justice Committee towards a World Peace Forum in 2006 and will provide facility space and other support for the Forum as appropriate.