

MOTION ON NOTICE

4. Endorsing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

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WHEREAS

1. Vancouver has a long history of local peace and anti-war activism;
2. In 1983, City Council voted to designate Vancouver a nuclear weapon-free zone;
3. In 1986, Vancouver proclaimed itself the peace capital of North America;
4. Throughout the 1980's the City of Vancouver was a title sponsor for the "Walks for Peace" drawing up to 100,000 participants;
5. The City of Vancouver has consistently supported citizens' initiatives for a more peaceful world grounded in the principles of non-violence and the peaceful resolution of conflict within communities and internationally;
6. The City of Vancouver is a signatory to the Mayors For Peace initiative;
7. The United Nations General Assembly has adopted the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and encouraged member nations to sign;
8. The Government of Canada is not yet a signatory to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver places itself on record as endorsing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and calls on the Government of Canada to sign and ratify the treaty.

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