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Vancouver City Council voted unanimously today to oppose Canada's involvement in any military action against Iraq unless that military action is authorized by: · a legally valid resolution of the UN Security Council, and· Canadian laws

Vancouver thus became the first Canadian city to oppose war against Iraq. In the United States more than 50 cities including Seattle, San Francisco, Chicago, Baltimore and Washington DC have passed similar resolutions.

"Nothing concerns any people more, including the people of Vancouver, than the prospect of war," said Councillor Jim Green in response to the question of whether municipal governments should be concerned about the federal government engaging in war against Iraq.


"Vancouver City Council has voted to uphold international law -cities across Canada have a responsibility to follow suit," said Gail Davidson, Lawyers Against the War

During a lengthy meeting council heard from speakers representing a wide range of concerned Vancouver residents, including Gail Davidson - co-chair of Lawyers against the War, David Morgan - National President of Veterans against Nuclear Arms, Bill Saunders - President of the Vancouver and District Labour Council, Connie Fogal - Defence of Canadian Liberty Committee, Irene MacInnes of the Campaign to End Sanctions against the People of Iraq, Dr. Edward H. Shaffer - economist, Betty Griffith - Secretary of End the Arms Race, Reverend Bob Korth - Chairman of the Justice and Peace Committee of Christ Church Cathedral and others.

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Thomas Jefferson

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