

Subject: Response to a letter from Councillor Ellen Woodsworth of the City of Vancouver re hosting a world peace forum in 2005.

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Dear Councilor Woodsworth.

I believe that your idea that the City of Vancouver, in partnership with cities and activists from Canada and around the world, should host a world peace forum in 2005 is a splendid idea.

The Militaristic adventurism or oil-venturism as it is called, as exemplified by the Bush administration under the guise of fighting terrorism, is destabilizing the world and can only result in a universal catastrophe unless it is stopped BY the people of the world.

Vancouver has a long history of Peace activism and played its part during the cold war in averting a nuclear doomsday.

In a symbolic gesture the City of Vancouver along with thousands of other cities and municipalities around the world including the District of North Vancouver, were declared nuclear free zones.

It was Leo Tolstoy who stated that if evil people can unite to accomplish evil than so can good people unite to accomplish good. Peace is good and war is evil. Although terrorism is abhorrent we must realize that it is the direct result of the policies first and foremost of the imperialistic machinations by the US which deprives the people of the world of their rightful demands.

As ye sow, so shall ye reap .

In the event that you are successful in your endeavor I will be more than happy to make a motion on District Council to support your efforts. In such a case, it would be important to enlist the support of all peace loving persons on the North Shore to appear before Council in support of the motion. Unless this is done, it is unlikely that a motion to that effect would be seconded to be introduced and explained, much less debated and much less still adopted by the present Council in the District.

Yours truly,

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