

CITY OF LANGLEY

Mayors for Peace Appeal - Langley City Resolution to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons - Councillor Storteboom

WHEREAS the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) is a landmark global agreement calling for national and local governments to abandon nuclear weapons of war;

WHEREAS the TPNW global agreement was adopted in 2017, and the Nobel Peace Prize Committee has acknowledged this initiative as providing the best pathway towards a world without nuclear weapons;

WHEREAS nuclear weapons threaten every nation's security and would cause catastrophic humanitarian and environmental harm;

WHEREAS cities are the main targets of nuclear weapons, municipalities have a special responsibility to their constituents to speak out against any role for nuclear weapons in national security doctrines;

WHEREAS municipal governments form a close and active link with their constituents and local social movements:

WHEREAS a national awareness is needed to advance the standard determined by the TPNW against nuclear weapon states and their military alliances with countries that have nuclear weapons;

WHEREAS the time has come to end decades of deadlock in disarmament and moving the world towards the elimination of nuclear weapons;

WHEREAS there is no winner in an exchange of nuclear weapons;

BE IT RESOLVED that Langley City support the Mayors For Peace Appeal and send a letter to the Government of Canada to break the unacceptable status quo regarding a tolerant nuclear weapons policy by taking decisive steps toward the global elimination of nuclear weapons of war.

