

**LETTER FROM PEACE QUEST TO THE CAPE BRETON POST, AUGUST 11, 2007**

Dear Sir,

We are writing to commend the *Post* for its eloquent editorial of August 6, Hiroshima Day, entitled 'Anti-nuke cause tired at age 62.' As the piece notes, in 2005 Peace Quest Cape Breton tried unsuccessfully to persuade CBRM Mayor John Morgan to join the international, and fast-growing, 'Mayors for Peace' campaign for nuclear disarmament. Whether the Council would, in fact, have supported our request is impossible to determine, as the matter was never – despite assurances by the Mayor – brought to a vote.

Halifax Mayor Peter Kelly has likewise resisted the appeals of concerned citizens, led by the Halifax Peace Coalition, to join with 56 of his counterparts in Canada – including the Mayors of Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver – in an initiative costing taxpayers not a cent while raising the absurdly neglected profile of a defining moral issue of our time. As Tadatoshi Akiba, the Mayor of Hiroshima, noted in his 2007 'Peace Declaration,' municipal "governments, entities that have always walked with and shared in the tragedy and pain of their citizens, are rising up. Because cities suffer most from war, Mayors for Peace, with 1,698 members around the world, is actively campaigning to eliminate all nuclear weapons by 2020."

In coming months, Peace Quest will be re-launching its campaign to make Cape Breton part of this global effort to spare all members of the human family the unspeakable agony and horror of nuclear attack. We urge Mayor Morgan, and all Councillors, not just to hear our case again, but this time to take action.

Sincerely,

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