

January 7, 2022

Mayor Alan Harrison and Members of Salmon Arm City Council

Your Worship and Members of Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Salmon Arm Ecumenical KAIROS Committee to alert you to an international initiative towards reducing the threat of nuclear weapons, and to encourage your support for it.

In April 2020, Salmon Arm City Council adopted a motion authorizing the Mayor to write to Prime Minister Trudeau and the Foreign Affairs Minister urging that Canada make nuclear arms control and disarmament a national priority, and work towards achieving an international consensus that will save the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) when it comes up for Review at the United Nations.

The NPT is the bedrock of the international effort to eliminate nuclear weapons, and at five-year intervals it comes up for Review. The 2020 NPT Review Conference, postponed several times because of COVID-19, is now scheduled to take place in August at the United Nations in New York.

An Open Letter to the nuclear-weapon States and other States Parties of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is being circulated for signatures by individuals and organizations. It is titled 'Fulfill the NPT: From Nuclear Threats to Human Security', and its purpose is to remind the nuclear-weapon States Parties that they have a legal obligation under the NPT to step back from nuclear war and pursue nuclear disarmament in good faith, and that this would be good for everyone's security.

To this end, **the Open Letter seeks to persuade the NPT nuclear-weapon States Parties to adopt a 'No-First-Use' policy**, which would reduce the risk of nuclear war by accident or miscalculation.

While the recent statement by the nuclear-weapon States Parties that '**a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought**', is encouraging, it is deeply troubling and alarming that they continue to threaten each other and the world with nuclear weapons, maintain options to launch a nuclear war (first-use of nuclear weapons), while spending billions of dollars modernizing and deploying their nuclear weapons.

Over 700 political, military, and religious leaders, as well as legislators, academics, scientists, business leaders, youth, lawyers, Nobel Laureates, and other representatives of civil society have already endorsed the Open Letter.

**I respectfully invite you to look at the Open Letter and**

- (a) consider authorizing the Mayor to endorse it on behalf of Salmon Arm City Council; and**
- (b) consider endorsing it individually as a member of Salmon Arm City Council**

Here is the **link to the Open Letter and to the space for Endorsements**: <https://nofirstuse.global/fulfil-the-npt-from-nuclear-threats-to-human-security/>

The Open Letter, with endorsements, will be sent to the NPT States Parties on **January 24th**. For more information, please see: <https://nofirstuse.global/2021/11/12/fulfil-the-npt-from-nuclear-threats-to-human-security/> also: <https://nofirstuse.global/about-us/>

With best wishes,

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