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Subject of Presentation:	<p>"Mayors For Peace" - Salmon Arm joined this international organization May 2006. Might it recommit now to this worthy collaborative network?</p> <p>M4P is spearheaded by the Mayors of Hiroshima, Japan, and Nagasaki. It currently has 8,497 cities on record in 166 countries and regions. 113 of these cities are in Canada. Eleven are in: Grand Forks, Kamloops, Revelstoke, Armstrong, Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Princeton, Kelowna, Peachland, Penticton, Summerland.</p>
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Meeting date(s) requested first choice:	7/14/2025
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Purpose of Presentation:	Other (Explain)
If other, please explain	Mayor and Council, please create a letter of support for Salmon Arm's ongoing involvement in M4P, and suggest how SA can be more active (ie citizen committee?). Cost is \$20 per year.

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Greetings Mayor and Council:

Your community is listed as a member of the international network, “Mayors For Peace” (M4P, see mayorsforpeace.org). The membership fee is 2,000 yen a year (approximately \$20 Cdn).

What better time than 2025 to recommit and spark renewed community involvement in such a worthy cause? While nation leaders struggle to negotiate and dodge violence and war, communities from the ground up through organizations such as M4P are networking through city-to-city connection around nuclear disarmament: youth peace education and leadership; webinars, internships, exchanges, conferences around culture, art, sports; collecting and sharing great examples of peace in action; the Japanese atomic experience (think 2024 Nobel Peace winners Nihon Hidankyo, the atomic bomb survivors who 80 years later continue to promote a better way forward). M4P gatherings share diverse global ideas for sustainable secure communities. New ideas (to us at least) from around the world. How to keep interest in M4P alive here for the long term?

What is M4P exactly? It started in June 24, 1982 with Mayors from the Japanese cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They formed “The World Conference of Mayors for Peace Through Inter-city Solidarity”, later to become M4P. (On August 6 and 9, 1945, the U.S. dropped two atomic bombs on these two cities and killed 210,000 people. Since then, August 6 is Hiroshima Day.) The M4P vision is a world without nuclear weapons, a world with safe and resilient cities. (Safety and security is, after all, within a community’s jurisdiction.) It is to promote a culture of peace.

Activities include: “hibakusha” a-bomb survivor testimony talks; sharing of “hibaku” tree seeds; children’s art competitions with the theme “Peaceful Towns”; Hiroshima – Nagasaki peace study courses at universities; shared ideas to reduce poverty and homelessness, and to increase food security. Activities also include petition drives to join TPNW (the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons).

As of July 1, 2025, M4P has 8,497 city members in 166 countries and regions. The goal is at least 10,000. Canada has 113, of 344 in North America. This past month, the U.S. Conference of Mayors adopted a resolution urging membership in M4P. The M4P website includes a July 2025 Joint Appeal message from the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and a map of the top-10 member countries. The 11th General Conference of M4P is Aug 7-10 in Nagasaki. It commemorates 80 years since the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the start of the age of nuclear weapons. I welcome your thoughts to make M4P a vital part of your community and this region at this challenging time in the world. Thank you for your time and attention.

Donna M. Henningson, Summerland

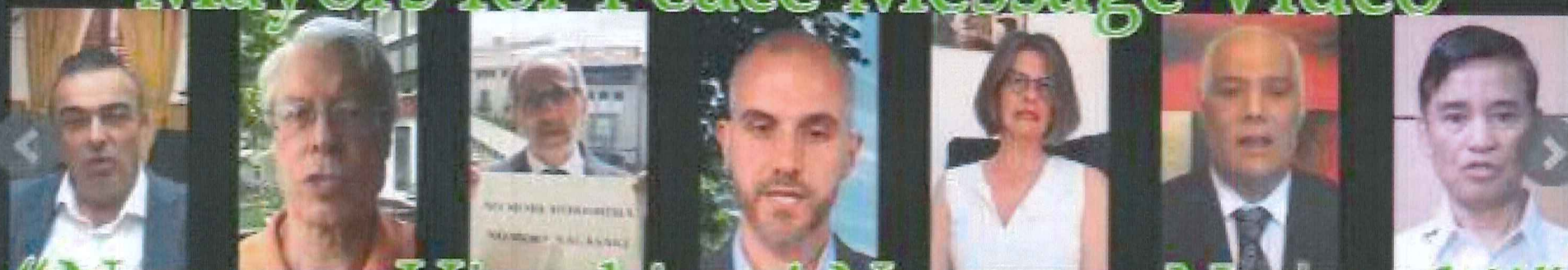


Mayors for Peace

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Mayors for Peace Message Video



"No more Hiroshima! No more Nagasaki!"



Webinar: Mayors for Peace

Thinking Globally; Acting Locally

February 23 at 7:00pm ET



Featuring Jackie Cabasso
North American Coordinator
Mayors for Peace



Youth leadership

- **atomic bomb witness talks**
- **webinars, internships**
- **exchanges, conferences**

Mayors
Hiroshima, Nagasaki
8:15 am August 6th, 9th, 1945
(210,000 deaths)

- **No nuclear weapons
(TPNW)**
- **Safe & resilient cities**
- **A culture of peace**

Goal: 10,000

- 8,497 in 166 countries / regions**
- Canada? 113**
- BC Interior? 11**



Let's work together!



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