



Our Mission

The Boundary Peace Initiative represents a growing number of area residents of diverse backgrounds brought together over the Iraqi crisis.

We support multilateral action for non-violent conflict resolution, human rights, ecological integrity for the planet and international law, through education and dialogue locally and globally.

We encourage everyone's participation as we strive for peace and justice to build a better world for future generations.

The Boundary Peace Initiative meets: 2nd & 4th Thursday @ 7 pm. in Selkirk College

To Do International Day of Peace: Sept. 24th: @ 2 pm @ the Slavonics Seniors Center Grand Forks.

Stop the militarization of Canada: \$5 admission to cover rental.

International Day of Peace: Sept. 21st @ 6 pm in Castlegar; for info call USCC office @ 442-8252

September 21 @ 7 pm @ Brilliant Cultural Centre in Castlegar: Gazan Dr. Abuelaish.

Info:
<http://selkirk.ca/research/mir-centre-for-peace/mirlectureseries/>

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Boundary Peace Initiative, Canadian Peace Alliance, Kootenay Region United Nations Association and USCC Working Group thank all who shared in the commemoration in Grand Forks on August 7th, of the victims of the Nuclear Industry past and present. To the dancers, speakers and musicians we extend a special thank you for volunteering your time, energy and talents as we work for a future free of the threat of radiation from uranium exploration, mining and processing, for the purposes of power and weapons production as well as the use of Depleted Uranium.

We are grateful to all who donated and made bids at our Silent Auction and to all the businesses who support our work to create a world free of violence and fear, free of abuse, destruction and death of which war is the ultimate destructive action. And you, our fellow citizens of the Boundary/Kootenay areas who took time out of your busy day to join thousands of others worldwide during the week of Aug. 6th to 9th to say to the Japanese people that we remember and that we care; to say to the present day victims of the nuclear industry that we demand an end to the radiating of Mother Earth and future generations. Remember that the effects extend well into the future—DU has a half-life of 4 billion years but we really have no idea how long the effects will last or how devastating the effects can be from today's bombs. We raised much-needed funds to aid in our future work, including this newsletter.

We invite you to join us at our regular meetings as well as future rallies and events such as the International Day of Peace on the 24th in Grand Forks and on the 21st in Castlegar (watch for details).

In Universal Kinship and Loving Peace,
 On behalf of the BPI

Laura Savinkoff

Canadian Peace Alliance Statement on the Passing of Jack Layton

For decades, Jack Layton was a fixture at peace rallies in Toronto and a supporter of the activities of the anti-war movement in Canada. Today all those working to end war and injustice mourn his loss and extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

When Jack won the NDP leadership in early 2003, the Canadian media were lined up to talk to him. While many politicians would have used the airtime to bask in the glory of a personal victory, Jack used each and every radio, TV and print interview to urge Canadians to join the demonstrations against the war in Iraq on February 15. On that day a half million people marched in 85 demonstrations from coast to coast and the Chretien Government began to waver in its support for the war. Countless thousands of people marched that day because Jack used his platform to push for peace.

In September 2006, at the NDP Convention in Quebec City, every participant was given a "Support Our Troops - Bring Them Home" button at the door and the NDP became, at the time, the first Social Democratic Party in the world to make an explicit call for the withdrawal of all troops from Afghanistan. Jack spoke at that convention with Malalai Joya, giving this former member of parliament from Afghanistan a platform to call for an

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end to the NATO occupation of that country. Jack withstood shrill and persistent attacks from the right wing, which labeled him “Taliban Jack” for his position on the war. Most of those who attacked him have had to eat their words and realize that dialogue -- not an endless, escalating war -- is a crucial element to securing peace in that country.

There were of course occasions when the peace movement disagreed with the NDP's positions, but Jack was always open to dialogue, and on a personal level he was by all accounts remarkably open and generous.

Whether campaigning against racism, Islamophobia or for the rights of those living under the spectre of war and occupation, Jack stood with us at countless rallies in Toronto and across the country. This included a speech at a frozen demonstration in February of this year where he, despite his health issues, stood in the cold and announced his solidarity with the Egyptian people fighting for justice and democracy.

There remains enormous work to do towards changing Canadian foreign policy away from its current reckless and aggressive path, creating a country that treads more lightly on people abroad and on the planet. Jack's moving and inspiring words of farewell to Canadians will give us more energy to go forward in our work. We will redouble our efforts to create that better world; a world where hope can defeat fear, optimism can overcome despair and where love triumphs over anger. Jack's contributions to our movements for peace and justice will be sorely missed.

Christine Jones and Derrick O'Keefe, Canadian Peace Alliance - Co-chairs
Sid Lacombe, Canadian Peace Alliance - Coordinator

[The Boundary Peace Initiative sent a letter of condolence to Olivia Chow, Jack's wife, and family and joins the millions of Canadians mourning the loss of a man of integrity, dedication and passion. And thanks the family of Jack for sharing him with us these many years]



Uranium, The Treacherous Element

By Peter G Cohen

The current tragedy in Fukushima, Japan, underlines the urgency of abolishing the use of Uranium in peace and war. The death and destruction from one modern nuclear weapon would be far greater than the current disaster in Japan. Yet the United States, Russia and others continue to develop ever more powerful warheads and more accurate delivery systems.

The American nuclear weapons 'Complex' is the cornerstone that unites the nuclear nations in their attachment to these weapons and makes their abolition difficult. As our military budget is almost half of all world military spending how can others, with far less in 'conventional' weapons, even think about relinquishing their nuclear stockpile as a deterrent of last resort? When they see us in the midst of a stalled economy, but still increasing our budgeted support of the nuclear establishment, they will inevitably cling more closely to their own. Not only are we increasing the budget of these weapons, we are now starting an additional investment of at least \$185 billion to 'modernize' our nuclear facilities and the delivery systems, in order to be able to manufacture more than 80 new warheads a year, and to improve our ability to deliver them anywhere on Earth.

The huge size and giant budget of the Complex is so powerful that politically it will be very hard to further reduce our nuclear weapons stockpile. This will be made even more difficult by the testimony of DOD's Secretary Keith Payne to the Congressional Committee on Strategic Posture. He reported that some U.S. allies "were beginning to be worried about the credibility of the U.S. nuclear umbrella..." And might have to consider creating their own nuclear weapons. (Rachel Oswald, *Global Security Newswire*, 5-9-11)

Washington provides this "extended deterrence" to its NATO allies, and Australia, Japan and South Korea. Of these, France, U.K. and U.S. have their own nuclear weapons. Of the possible war scenarios, South Korea seems to be the most vulnerable to nuclear attack by North Korea. If this were to occur, how would we retaliate with nuclear weapons? If we were to detonate several in N. Korea, the radioactive fallout could kill, sicken and panic millions in South Korea, China, Japan or even Alaska. Given the indiscriminate, lethal power of nuclear weapons, it is difficult to imagine how anyone could use them effectively in war.

In fact, more than 180 nations manage without them. The nuclear-weapons powers hold these non-nuclear peoples in hostage to our ability to incinerate whole cities and most downwind life, indiscriminately. From the human perspective, from the Life perspective, we, the U.S. and other nuclear nations, by possessing and preparing to deliver these weapons (for any reason), are endangering the future of Life on Earth. By their very nature, modern nuclear weapons are so devastatingly longer a viable tool of national defense.

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Their very existence is a threat to Life on Earth.

Because these weapons threaten the survival of humanity, it is shocking that decisions about their manufacture and use should be left to the whims of a few advantage-seeking politicians or rulers. We urgently need a Convention for the international reduction and eventual abolition of nuclear weapons. The process of safely implementing such a Convention could be managed by an international agency supervised by the General Assembly of the United Nations -- the only international body we have that represents all humanity.

In the meantime, it is perverse that the United States is leading the world in the "modernization" of our nuclear weapons stockpile, and planning to invest \$185 billion in new manufacturing facilities and improved delivery systems. The original 80 W76 warheads, which are deployed in our nuclear submarines, have just been rehabilitated and certified ahead of schedule. We don't need new facilities to maintain our 'deterrent' and certainly we don't need them to stimulate another arms race.

Let us lower this "nuclear Sword of Damocles" -- as President Kennedy called them -- that hangs over life on Earth. Even in peacetime the pursuit of nuclear power and the preparations for nuclear war involve releasing radiation - through the mining, transporting and enrichment of Uranium - that is corroding our greatest treasure, the irreplaceable plans for future life, the Human Gene Pool. It is urgent that every caring person demand that the Congress abandon the development of new nuclear facilities or generating plants. For the future of life we must direct our energies to the step-by-step reduction of warheads, the elimination of nuclear reactors, and the establishment of the Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Peter G Cohen, a veteran of W.W.II, was on a troopship bound for Japan when the bomb was detonated over Hiroshima. Since the 1950s he has been involved in peace and anti-nuclear efforts. He is the author of nukefreeworld.com and other Internet writings. He can be reached at <aerie2@verizon.net> Santa Barbara, CA
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We have guided missiles and misguided men."
Martin Luther King

Nuclear power is safe only if no Act of God is permitted.

**Nobel-prize-winning physicist Hannes Alfvén,
1972**

Blizzard Uranium Claim Update

By: Erika Tefal

We are living through days where our current actions could bring changes to our planet that we have never seen throughout recorded history. Through my deep desire to act, I would like to bring a very important issue to your attention and ask for your help.

'Prospectors' have had their sights on BC's rich supply of uranium for at least 30 years. I live in the Kettle Valley watershed that could very likely become the location of BC's first uranium mine. If BOSS POWER CORPORATION succeeds in their court battle against the Province of British Columbia, re: the Blizzard claim, it will be one more nail in our proverbial nuclear casket.

I have dedicated many hours over the last few years gaining awareness of the deadly consequences that follow a nuclear path. I am weary of the corruption and political tyranny, but I believe in the people around me and the power we have to resist corporate terrorism.

The Blizzard claim was a uranium exploration site in late 1970s. As the local residents and all of BC learned more about the risks they were being exposed to, resistance grew rapidly. The protests became so inflamed that Premier Bill Bennett enacted a seven year moratorium on the exploration of uranium and thorium on February 27, 1980.

By 2006 the moratorium had lapsed, The Mineral Tenures Act was stripped of pages of regulations, the price of uranium rose steadily and the malignancy that is the Blizzard claim began to metastasize.

The ever-burning coal of resistance was fanned into life again and the people of the Kettle Valley and BC spent the next couple of years expressing their concerns about the health and safety of their watershed and themselves, by continuously voicing their unwavering opposition to uranium exploration. On April 24, 2008 the province of BC put out a press release stating "The Province will not support the exploration and development of uranium in British Columbia..."

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Quotes from REASON FOR JUDGEMENT November 23, 2010

On April 21, 2008, Boss Power submitted a Notice of Work and Reclamation Program (the "NOW") to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (the "MEMPR") pursuant to s. 10 of the Mines Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, and c. 293. The NOW outlined approximately \$4 million of work, including exploratory drilling, which the plaintiffs planned to perform on the Mineral Claims before May 12, 2009 (the "Work"). The Work was required to validate earlier feasibility studies and to assist the plaintiffs to obtain financing. It was also needed to satisfy regulatory requirements so that Boss Power could apply for federal government approval to undertake uranium and thorium mining activities on the Claims Area. The defendant intended to proceed with this action by way of summary trial on August 13, 2010. However the plaintiffs applied for leave to amend their statement of claim to include a claim for misfeasance in public office. The defendant objected to this amendment and the parties used the August 13 court date to argue the amendment.

The plaintiffs' application was successful. The amended pleading is in the form of a notice of civil claim and alleges that the Regulation, the News Release, the Order-in-Council and the conduct of the Province, through its agents at MEMPR, constitute an expropriation of the Mineral Claims to the benefit of the Province. It also advances the claim of misfeasance in public office.

'The plaintiffs seek a declaration that their interest in certain mineral claims has been expropriated and compensation in the range of \$42 million to \$59 million. They also allege that the Province is liable for misfeasance in public office and claim the misfeasance caused them damage equal to the damage caused by the alleged expropriation.' To read the whole document please see <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/jdbtxt/SC/10/16/2010BCSC1648.htm>

Background on Boss Power Corporation

In order to understand the threat this action poses to B.C., I offer you some background on Boss Power. This is not Boss Power's first kick at the cat. CEO of Boss Power, Randall Stewart Rogers, is also the CEO of a mining venture called Solomon Resources LTD. In Mongolia, in December of 2009, Solomon was instrumental in helping create and pass 'The New Nuclear Act', that supported their claim of expropriation. In Mongolia, they used the same legal arguments being offered to BC Supreme Court. They secured an exploration permit for their Baruunbayan property under the New Nuclear Act. This, after Mongolian civilians were shot and killed for protesting fixed elections in 2008.

Randall Rogers is also a former RCMP officer who was a member of an elite branch called IMET or Integrated Market Enforcement Teams. (Below taken from www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

An Integrated Market Enforcement Team (IMET) is a group of highly specialized investigators dedicated to ensuring that those who commit serious capital markets fraud offences will be

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This training in market fraud has made Mr. Rogers and expert in how to manipulate global markets and should not be taken lightly. While investigating other global companies for market fraud, Mr. Rogers has had a chance to study first hand how to use global market laws to achieve his odious goals.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world, indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

Inspired by her wise words, I as a thoughtful, committed, citizen call on you for help.

REASON FOR JUDGEMENT November 23, 2010. 'In deciding whether the case is an appropriate one for judgment under R. 18A [now Rule 9-7] the chambers judge will always give full consideration to all of the evidence which counsel place before him but he will also consider whether the evidence is sufficient for adjudication. For example, the absence of an affidavit from a principal player in the piece, unless its absence is adequately explained, may cause the judge to conclude either that he cannot find the facts necessary to decide the issues, or that it would be unjust to do so' (Author's underscore)

I have seven weeks to collect as many statements from other thoughtful, committed, citizens as an affidavit to submit to the supreme court: evidence that must be considered at the October 3, 2011 trial. We constitute 'principal players in the piece.' The very survival of our watershed is at stake. Our very DNA is at risk.

If you have a moment to write a brief statement, there are a number of ways to get me a copy, so I can forward it to the appropriate eyes and ears. If you have internet/email the easiest way is to write your statement in the body of your email and send it to boss.vs.bc@live.ca

I will send everyone who makes a statement a confirmation number. If you submit and don't receive a reply please resend or call me directly at 250 446-2156. You can join the Facebook group boss.vs.bc and post your statement there or you could tweet boss.vs.bc on twitter.

If you prefer to mail a statement to me, my address is **Erika Tafel Box 28, Rock Creek British Columbia V0H 1Y0**

I won't respond to these unless a phone number is included where I can reach you. Lastly, if you would like to make a verbal statement I am able to record you, so please call the phone number above to set up an appointment.

Canada's mining laws are archaic and obsolete. Please help.

The Boundary Peace Initiative (BPI) welcomes articles, which are the sole responsibility of the authors and may not be common consensus. To contribute please contact **Laura** at **250-442-0434** or **l4peace@telus.net**. The BPI is a member of: Southern Interior Peace Coalition, Canadian Peace Alliance, Abolition 2000, Lawyers Against the War, Uranium Free Kootenay Boundary, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and an affiliate of the Fellowship of Reconciliation as well as other local and global groups.

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