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Subject: Ralph - Poi pet & the City of Kelowna



To Mayor Sharon Shepherd and members of Kelowna City Council,

It is with a sense of excitement that I present to you an opportunity of great potential.

A Kelowna based non-profit society – Hope For The Nations (HFTN) – has been working in the city of Poipet, Cambodia to assist in the battle against the trafficking of children for “the worst forms of labor”. Poipet, located on the Cambodia – Thailand border, is one of the worst border centers for trafficking.

Mayor Shepherd provided me with a letter to the mayor of Poipet on my recent trip to Cambodia in mid April. The letter acknowledged their commitment to the principles of human rights. The newly appointed mayor was very moved that a city in Canada would even care about their city.

I was summoned to a meeting with the mayor and his council the following morning and was formally asked if we could help them “*develop a master plan for the city of Poipet to the year 2020*”.

To this end, I am coming to the city council to request assistance. I would ask for the following:

1. A letter from Mayor Shepherd and the City Council which would endorse the work of HFTN in Poipet.
 - a. Our commitment to the UN Millennium Development Goals
 - b. Our commitment to informal education, housing for children, water projects and anti-trafficking activities in Poipet.
2. A letter formalizing the relationship between the City of Kelowna and the City of Poipet, Cambodia. The language may be very generic.
3. A statement of mutual commitment to addressing a common enemy – the trafficking of children for sexual exploitation.

4. Our desire to network local resource groups and individuals to assist Poipet in their challenge to develop a master plan for their city.

A letter of endorsement from the City of Kelowna would encourage service groups, students, the ministerial members, businessmen and individuals to lend their trade or resources to a battle worthy of our attention.

Sincerely,

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The City of Kelowna, British Columbia Canada is a city endowed with great beauty, abundant resources and global citizens. Kelowna is a city committed to the sharing of our values, resources and strengths with 'sister' cities in other parts of the world.

To this end, the City of Kelowna recognizes the City of Poi Pet, Cambodia for its commitment to the principles of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**.

The City of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada commends the City of Poi Pet, Cambodia for its recognition of the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family. Everyone is born free and equal and is entitled to life, liberty and security of person.

Kelowna citizens are presently engaged in humanitarian activities in Poi Pet. Our joint partnerships includes: the protection of children against dangerous labor practices, community based care for children, the development of education programs, water wells for HIV/AIDS clinics and villages and the development of micro enterprises for women and children.

The City of Kelowna, British Columbia Canada congratulates the City of Poi Pet, Cambodia and Cambodia Hope Organization on the opening of the Safe Haven Village ... designed to protect, educate and empower the future citizens of Cambodia.

The City of Kelowna, British Columbia Canada encourages the City of Poi Pet to continue its efforts towards the building of a strong and vibrant community in Cambodia.

Signed this ____ day of ____, 2009

Mayor

Extra material:

Acknowledges the foundational principles of the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, we recognize the inherent dignity of all members of our community and actively defend their right to be treated with equity, compassion and respect.

Article 1

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

Article 3

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 4

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

Article 5

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 6

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

The Central Okanagan is a part of the global community.

A summary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

1. Everyone is free and we should all be treated in the same way.
2. Everyone is equal despite differences in skin colour, sex, religion, language for example.
3. Everyone has the right to life and to live in freedom and safety.
4. No one has the right to treat you as a slave nor should you make anyone your slave.
5. No one has the right to hurt you or to torture you.
6. Everyone has the right to be treated equally by the law.
7. The law is the same for everyone, it should be applied in the same way to all.
8. Everyone has the right to ask for legal help when their rights are not respected.
9. No one has the right to imprison you unjustly or expel you from your own country.

- 10.** Everyone has the right to a fair and public trial.
- 11.** Everyone should be considered innocent until guilt is proved.
- 12.** Every one has the right to ask for help if someone tries to harm you, but no-one can enter your home, open your letters or bother you or your family without a good reason.
- 13.** Everyone has the right to travel as they wish.
- 14.** Everyone has the right to go to another country and ask for protection if they are being persecuted or are in danger of being persecuted.
- 15.** Everyone has the right to belong to a country. No one has the right to prevent you from belonging to another country if you wish to.
- 16.** Everyone has the right to marry and have a family.
- 17.** Everyone has the right to own property and possessions.
- 18.** Everyone has the right to practise and observe all aspects of their own religion and change their religion if they want to.
- 19.** Everyone has the right to say what they think and to give and receive information.
- 20.** Everyone has the right to take part in meetings and to join associations in a peaceful way.
- 21.** Everyone has the right to help choose and take part in the government of their country.
- 22.** Everyone has the right to social security and to opportunities to develop their skills.
- 23.** Everyone has the right to work for a fair wage in a safe environment and to join a trade union.
- 24.** Everyone has the right to rest and leisure.
- 25.** Everyone has the right to an adequate standard of living and medical help if they are ill.
- 26.** Everyone has the right to go to school.
- 27.** Everyone has the right to share in their community's cultural life.
- 28.** Everyone must respect the 'social order' that is necessary for all these rights to be available.
- 29.** Everyone must respect the rights of others, the community and public property.
- 30.** No one has the right to take away any of the rights in this declaration.