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As I mentioned in my voice message the Peace School team is wondering about availability from 6 to 9pm on Monday nights - October 17, November 7 and November 28.

If these dates are available, what is the process for booking?

I have also attached a letter for council. Please advise if this is what is needed.

Regards,  
Sharon

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL Township of Esquimalt  
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Dear Friends,

I write on behalf of the Greater Victoria Peace School (GVPS) to request that the school be granted a discounted rate for use of the Gorge Park Pavilion for a speaker series to be held on three Monday nights during October and November. The school hopes beyond that to evaluate the first three sessions and explore establishing an ongoing relationship involving the use of the Gorge Pavilion for Peace Education.

GVPS is a non-profit voluntary association. We are an official project of Nonviolence International Canada, a registered charity. We are funded entirely through individual donations. The school recently completed its inaugural term in which students were able to explore a positive vision of how our communities and the world could be and practical steps all of us can take to advance the cause of peace.

The pavilion, located near the beautiful Japanese Garden, is the ideal place for peace education activities in the Greater Victoria Area. In August, more than 300 people attended the commemoration of Hiroshima/Nagasaki. Mayor Desjardins spoke eloquently at that event. We believe that association of further peace education events with this beautiful setting would benefit both the peace education and the appreciation of the park.

Finally, this unique relationship between the peaceful setting and the subject of peace means that granting a reduced rate to GVPS will not set a precedent calling for reduced rates to be granted to every applicant. That remains a matter committed to your discretion on a case by case basis.

I will be happy, on behalf of our volunteer board of directors, to answer any questions.

With all best wishes,

Bill Geimer  
Founder,  
Greater Victoria Peace School