

# Zero

# PUBLIC FORUM

NOVEMBER 13 + 14, 2009  
TORONTO CITY HALL

# Nuclear Weapons

Over **20,000** nuclear weapons still exist, many on missiles that could be fired within fifteen minutes.

We are at the tipping point of nuclear proliferation to many countries.

Public awareness of this civilization-destroying danger has declined, yet polls show that most citizens – in virtually all countries – want the world to be rid of these dreadful weapons.

**Free Admission** (donations welcome)  
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## Fri. Nov. 13

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm: **“We Are at a Turning Point”**

Welcoming address by **David Miller**, Mayor of Toronto

- **Anthony Cary**, British High Commissioner to Canada
- **Jonathan Schell**, Author and analyst of nuclear arms
- **Tadatoshi Akiba**, Mayor of Hiroshima and President of Mayors for Peace (by interactive video-conferencing from Japan.)
- Moderator: **Alexa McDonough**, President, Mt. St. Vincent University, former NDP Leader

## Sat. Nov. 14 New Steps in Nuclear Disarmament

10:00 am – 12:30 pm: **“Surmounting the Obstacles”**

- **Pavel Podvig**, Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University (by interactive video-conferencing from Geneva).
- **Ernie Regehr O.C.**, Co-founder, Project Ploughshares and adjunct Professor, Peace and Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo
- **Trevor Findlay**, Director, Canadian Centre for Treaty Compliance
- Moderator: **Olivia Ward**, Toronto-based journalist

1:30 – 2:50 pm: **Workshop on “Arctic Nuclear Weapon Free Zone”**

- **Michael Wallace**, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of British Columbia
- **Michael Byers**, Professor, Canadian Research Chair in International Law and Politics, University of British Columbia
- **Adele Buckley**, Past Chair, Canadian Pugwash Group, Pugwash Council
- Moderator: **Steven Staples**, President, Rideau Institute

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm: **“Arousing and Sustaining Political Will”**

- **Rebecca Johnson**, Director, the Acronym Institute (by interactive video-conferencing from London)
- **Christopher Westdal**, Former Canadian Ambassador to Russia
- **Douglas Roche O.C.**, Former Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament, Former Canadian Senator
- Moderator: **Sergei Plekhanov**, Professor of Political Science, York University

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