

Canada & Nuclear Weapons: *Why the City of Ottawa must Ban the Bomb*

What's the issue?

Nuclear weapons pose a catastrophic threat to civilization as we know it - a single nuclear warhead can destroy a city and kill most of its people, with lasting humanitarian and environmental consequences. The use and threat of use of these inhumane and indiscriminate weapons must end, before they end us. The [United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons \(TPNW\)](#) is the world's first legally binding treaty that comprehensively prohibits nuclear weapons with the goal of their total elimination, but Canada has yet to sign. 15 Canadian cities including Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal, have all signed a global appeal of municipalities urging Canada to sign the TPNW. The City of Ottawa must take a stand against nuclear weapons and sign the [ICAN Cities Appeal!](#)

**Nuclear
weapons
don't make
us safer**

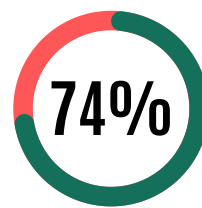


Quick Facts about Nuclear Weapons:



**+13,000 nuclear
weapons still in
existence today**

([Arms Control Association](#))



**74% of Canadians support
signing the nuclear
ban treaty**

([Nanos Research](#))



**disproportionately
impact women &
Indigenous Peoples**

([UNIDIR](#) & [Cultural Survival Quarterly](#))

**20-
50X**

**more powerful than
the bombs dropped on
Hiroshima & Nagasaki**

([Statista](#))

Why now?

The risk of nuclear weapons use is at its [highest](#) since the Cold War and even a limited nuclear altercation could kill billions from [radioactive fallout, crop failures, and starvation](#). Amid a global pandemic and record-breaking climate events, nuclear-armed states continue to spend [billions of dollars](#) modernizing their stockpiles diverting limited resources away from vital social services. As cities are the main targets of nuclear weapons attacks, they have a duty to their residents to speak out against the role for nuclear weapons in national security doctrines. Signing the TPNW is the first step toward eliminating nuclear weapons once and for all! Let's get the City of Ottawa to support the nuclear ban treaty.