



# The WorldVoter

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## Vote World Government

— democratic world government through a global referendum —

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#### Quotes of the month

**In just 100 months' time, if we are lucky, and based on a quite conservative estimate, we could reach a tipping point for the beginnings of runaway climate change.** Andrew Simms, policy director, New Economics Foundation (for more, see [www.onehundredmonths.org](http://www.onehundredmonths.org))

**The idea of a global vote is a powerful one and Jim Stark needs to be commended for putting all the arguments together and presenting them with clarity, logic and passion.... I think the steady development of such a worldwide appeal has the potential to be one of the great forces leading the world in the direction of DWG [democratic world government].** Excerpt from a new review of *Rescue Plan* from Lyndon Storey, author of *Humanity or Sovereignty: A Political Roadmap for the 21st Century* (for full review, see <http://www.rescueplanforplanetearth.com/reviews.html>)

#### News in brief

##### ***Rescue Plan* in bookstores!**

Jim Stark's new book, *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*, is now in bookstores, or can be ordered from bookstores as well as from Amazon.com and BarnesAndNoble.com.

##### **Request sent to Ban Ki-moon**

There is a new link on our site called "UN Resolution Campaign," and you are invited to participate. Click on [www.voteworldgovernment.org/un\\_resolutioncampaign.shtml](http://www.voteworldgovernment.org/un_resolutioncampaign.shtml) and

send your letter today (and let us know you have done this so that we can add your name to the list). To see the UN resolution we're hoping to get, click on [UN resolution](#).

### **Mayors of the world to write letters!**

At its September 9 meeting, Shawville Town Council unanimously adopted a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS: everyone must face the real prospect of catastrophic climate change in the near future (see all appendices), and all our constituents have a right to help resolve the serious supranational problems that now literally threaten the survival of humankind;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: the Council of Shawville, Québec shall:

1. encourage our adult citizens (16 years old or older) to vote in the online global referendum on the possible establishment of a democratic world government to deal more effectively with global issues (the active ballot for this purpose is to be found at [www.voteworldgovernment.org](http://www.voteworldgovernment.org));
2. allow our adult citizens who do not have Internet access to vote in the global referendum using the computer in the public library, and do so with assistance from library personnel when necessary or requested;
3. announce this new role for the library's computer through a notice in the local newspaper and by other local or regional means;
4. set an example by agreeing that all Council members should vote in the online global referendum, and should also ask their family members and friends to vote;
5. send a letter to at least five other mayors in our own country or other countries, asking that they also consider passing this municipal resolution;
6. send a letter encouraging our national government to sponsor the draft UN resolution (Appendix #2) in the United Nations General Assembly;
7. send a letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, asking him to try to find or develop support among UN Member States for the draft UN resolution.

Moved by Keith Harris and seconded by Sylvia Hodgins, a 2<sup>nd</sup> resolution was also passed by the Shawville Town Council as follows:

WHEREAS: there may be a lot of work subsequent to the resolution adopted by Council in regard to our support for a global referendum on democratic world government, and whereas Jim Stark (a resident of Shawville and the president of Vote World Government) is willing to do all that work from his home if he can contact other mayors and municipal councils on behalf of Shawville Town Council;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: the Town Council of Shawville will take on Jim Stark as "Global Issues Advisor" to the Council, for which he will be paid a nominal \$1 per year.

Based on these two resolutions, VWG president Jim Stark can now call other mayors all across Canada and elsewhere, and do so *on behalf of the mayor of Shawville*. The object

of the campaign will be to make the UN Secretary-General aware of what we want, and to persuade him to seek a nation willing to sponsor our UN resolution. Canadian mayors will also write to our Prime Minister, asking him to let Canada be the main UN sponsor, or at least allow Canada to be an enthusiastic co-sponsor. There is another new link in the VWG website called “Municipal Campaign,” and you are invited to ask your mayor to do as Shawville has done. You are also invited to send letters to Ban Ki-moon and your own head of government, as the mayors will be doing.

### **Board Member Ross Smyth passes away**

Deepest condolences to the family and friends of this remarkable man. In March of 2006, Ross drove three hours to visit us in Shawville, Québec to talk about his favourite topic, democratic world government. It was clear then that although he was seriously ill, he was facing death like he faced life, with courage and humour. He will be missed as a member of our Board and as a friend.

The last thing he did for us was to authorize a quote used in the first-ever issue of *The WorldVoter* in February of 2008, as follows:

**“I have worked all my life to get a democratic world government, but obviously we don’t have one yet. Too many of us did too little to save the world. Now I am dying. My dying wish is that you get off your butt and give this global referendum plan a chance to work.”** Ross Smyth, former national president, World Federalist Movement—Canada; author, *One World or None*

### **More radio interviews**

President Jim Stark has done several more radio interviews, and will soon do the biggest yet on Sirius Satellite Radio, with host Jay Thomas (9:35 a.m. Eastern on October 3).