

Hundred march for peace, environment

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It was a walk for peace and the environment.

On a bright, sunny afternoon, approximately 100 people marched through the streets of Campbell River on Saturday in support of world peace and environmental awareness.

"I'm here to walk for peace and planetary survival of the earth," said Father Charles Brandt as he marched with the group along 13th Avenue.

The Black Creek pastor was also part of the group of speakers and musicians at the post-march rally held at the Labour Centre.

"We have to think of the earth as primary and humans are secondary. We are earth derivative," Brandt said. "We're a dysfunctioning society in the sense that we have a relationship, human to human or human to God, but we don't have a human to earth relationship."

Brandt's speech was followed by musicians such as Kevin Malcolm and Denise Larson who played guitar and sang songs about war and environmental degradation.

Adding to Brandt's comment on a human/earth relationship, Megan Rush, a teenager from Read Island, asked the peace marchers to, "treat the planet as those you love."

Shivonne Robinson of Cortes



MARCHING FOR PEACE... Approximately 100 people paraded through downtown Campbell River on Saturday in support of world peace and environmental awareness. This was the first time in four years the Walk For Peace was held here.

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Island pointed out that world peace is not an easy goal to achieve.

"Peace is so much more than the absence of war," she said. "Peace making is an active process requiring a lifelong commitment."

This was the first time in four years that a peace march was held in Campbell River and according to the organizer, John Shaw, all went well.

"The turnout was great — it was as good as we can expect for the first time we've organized

the walk in Campbell River," he said.

While Shaw admitted that the boat and home shows drew some attention away from the peace march, he said the number of people who attended is encouraging.

"The shows took away from the walk but there's always some activity going on," he said. "It was very regional with representation from the outer islands and it gives us something to prepare for next year."

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