

## Chinatown - National Historic Site of Canada Nomination

### FACT SHEET

The City of Vancouver and members of the Chinatown community are nominating Vancouver's Chinatown as a National Historic Site of Canada. This fact sheet provides information on the nomination process, reasons for the nomination, and provides answers to common questions.

### ABOUT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES

Nominations for new National Historic Sites are made to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. Assisted by research from Parks Canada, the Board reviews nominations from across Canada of places, persons, and events of potential national historic significance. The Board makes its recommendation to the Minister of the Environment, who makes the final decision on the nomination.

### WHY NOMINATE CHINATOWN?

Chinatown illustrates a cultural tradition, a way of life, and ideas important in the development of Canada. It is one of the original ethnocultural communities in Vancouver, epitomizing the core value of cultural diversity in contemporary Canadian society. Recognizing Chinatown as a National Historic Site of Canada will increase the national and international awareness of this culturally significant community, create opportunities for tourism and business, and bring a renewed sense of pride to the community.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q:** *Who is making the application?*

**A:** The community initiated the application and the City is coordinating the process.

**Q:** *Do all the property owners have to agree?*

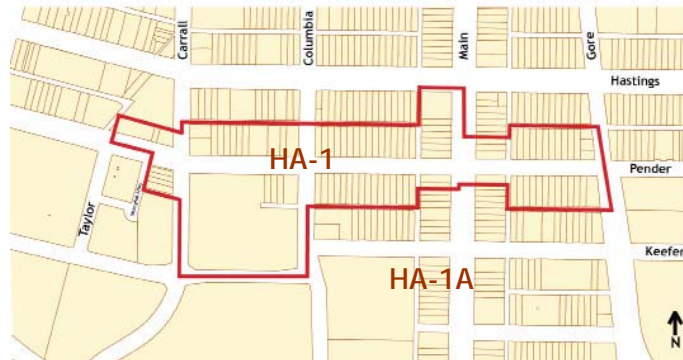
**A:** No. Because Vancouver's Chinatown is already a municipally protected heritage area, it is sufficient that the City of Vancouver is one of the nominators.

**Q:** *Why is this good for Chinatown and the City?*

**A:** Recognizing Chinatown as a National Historic Site increases the national and international awareness of this culturally significant community, creates opportunities for tourism and business, and brings a renewed sense of spirit and pride of place.

**Q:** *What are the proposed boundaries for the National Historic Site?*

**A:** The proposed site is the existing HA-1 zoning district shown on this map. All of the properties within HA-1 have been protected heritage properties since 1971.



Chinatown National Historic Site - Proposed Boundaries (HA-1)

**Q:** *Is National Historic Site status an additional burden to the property owners?*

**A:** No. If Chinatown is recognized as a National Historic Site the development regulations and costs for property owners that exist today will remain unchanged.

Regulation of land use and development in Chinatown is the jurisdiction of the City of Vancouver. If Chinatown is designated as a National Historic Site, property owners wishing to alter a building or redevelop a site will need to follow the City of Vancouver's land use and development policies that exist today.

The approval process for redevelopment will also be the same as today, which includes getting the required City of Vancouver permits. These include Development, Building permits, and Heritage Alteration Permits.

**Q:** *How can I find out more about National Historic Sites and Chinatown?*

**A:** Parks Canada's web site: [pc.gc.ca](http://pc.gc.ca)  
City of Vancouver's Chinatown web site: [vancouver.ca/chinatown](http://vancouver.ca/chinatown)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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