

# Other Information

## Chinatown Community Plan

The City of Vancouver has been working with the Chinatown community on revitalization initiatives since 1999. Projects and initiatives have aimed to bring together the community to address key issues in Chinatown, such as safety and economic revitalization, and have included an extensive community engagement and community building process.

### A Community Vision

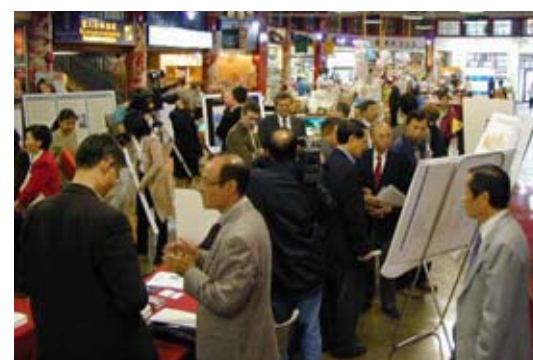
In 2002 City Council adopted the Chinatown Vision Directions developed with the Vancouver Chinatown Revitalization Committee and the larger community. These Vision Directions inform the City's work and identify four key roles for Chinatown:

- A complete mixed use community with an increased residential population of diverse income, culture and age,
- A cultural district for Vancouver and its region, that showcases Chinese-Canadian and other culture,
- A regional centre with institutions and services for the Chinese-Canadian community as well as other cultural groups; and,
- A regional cultural tourist destination.



### From Vision to Community Plan

In order to implement the Vision Directions, City Council approved a three year work program for the preparation of a Chinatown Community Plan, scheduled to be completed this year. The Chinatown Community Plan will include a policy plan, updated zoning, design guidelines and other related policies.



## 21st Century Chinatown

Chinatown is a vibrant neighbourhood, with a rich history and evolving and enduring culture. Today, the Chinatown community and the City are focused on the future while ensuring the past is honored, with a number of initiatives underway:

### Respecting the Past

- Chinatown Society Heritage Building Strategy to assist with the rehabilitation of heritage buildings owned by family associations and benevolent societies
- Nomination of Historic Chinatown (HA-1) as a National Historic Site of Canada in March 2009

### Planning for the Future

- "Chinatown Next" - the involvement of youth in Chinatown's revitalization
- "Roadmap to 2010 and Beyond" - development of an economic strategy to build on Chinatown's strengths
- Built Form and Land Use Policy - to guide neighbourhood growth. The Historic Area Height Review will inform the heights and densities considered in this policy that will form part of the Chinatown Community Plan.

