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Good afternoon Council,

I am writing to update you on an incident that we have been made aware of in which racist and violent written messages were left on the Chinese Cultural Centre's windows. The incident occurred yesterday (April 3).

VPD are taking this incident very seriously and, in addition to their investigation of this matter, have increased resources deployed in Chinatown. We are also working with VPD regarding other operational measures we may be able to implement to address concerns that have been expressed by businesses and residents in Chinatown.

We will also be reaching out to the CCCA to express our dismay and let them know that the City finds this racist and violent act unconscionable and that we stand by our diverse communities. COVID-19 is a serious public health issue but is no justification for racism, xenophobia, or violence.

Best,
Paul