

**From:** "Johnston, Sadhu" <Sadhu.Johnston@vancouver.ca>  
**To:** "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"  
**CC:** "City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL"  
"Dobrovolny, Jerry" <jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca>  
"Kelley, Gil" <Gil.Kelley@vancouver.ca>  
"Singh, Sandra" <Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca>  
"Wittgens, Margaret" <Margaret.Wittgens@vancouver.ca>

**Date:** 5/3/2019 3:44:26 PM

**Subject:** Memo - Chinatown Memorial Square Flagpole

**Attachments:** Memo - Chinatown Memorial Square Flagpole.pdf

---

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Jerry Dobrovolny. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- On February 27, 2019, Council passed a Canadian Pride in Vancouver Chinatown Memorial Square motion. Part of this motion included the installation of a flagpole for flying the national flag of Canada at or in proximity to Chinatown Memorial Square through the acceptance of a flagpole and support base gift from the Vancouver Chinatown Lions Club as a symbol of unity and cross-cultural pride.
- The base for the flagpole was completed on April 30, 2019, and the flagpole installed on May 2, 2019. In celebration of the Vancouver Chinatown Lions Club's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary there will be a public flag-raising event on May 5, 2019.
- Staff have also engaged and informed other Chinatown community groups and stakeholders such as the Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver, Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, Vancouver Chinatown Business Improvement Area Society, Vancouver Chinatown Merchant Association and the Youth Collaborative for Chinatown about this installation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jerry Dobrovolny at 604-873-7331 or [jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca](mailto:jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
Sadhu

**Sadhu Afochs Johnston** | City Manager  
Office of the City Manager | City of Vancouver  
[sadhu.johnston@vancouver.ca](mailto:sadhu.johnston@vancouver.ca)  
604.873.7627



*The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.*

## MEMORANDUM

May 3, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager  
Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager  
Lynda Graves, Administration Services Manager, City Manager's Office  
Rena Kendall-Craden, Civic Engagement and Communications Director  
Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk  
Neil Monckton, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office  
Alvin Singh, Communications Director, Mayor's Office  
Anita Zaenker, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office  
Gil Kelley, General Manager, Planning, Development and Sustainability  
Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture & Community Services  
Margaret Wittgens, Director, Public Space and Street Use

FROM: Jerry Dobrovolny  
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Chinatown Memorial Square Flagpole

---

This memo is to inform Mayor and Council of the actions to install a flagpole in Memorial Square, resulting from the Canadian Pride in Vancouver's Chinatown Memorial Square Council motion.

At the November 1, 2017, Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities, City Council unanimously approved the Administrative Report entitled: "Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver". Recommendation #2 in the Historical Discrimination Report aims to Strengthen Relations with the Chinese Canadian Community through Legacy Actions that can confirm the values of a just and inclusive community.

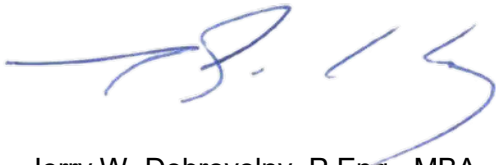
On February 27, 2019, Council passed a Canadian Pride in Vancouver's Chinatown Memorial Square motion. Part of this motion included the installation of a flagpole for flying the national flag of Canada at or in proximity to Chinatown Memorial Square through the acceptance of a flagpole and support base gift from the Vancouver Chinatown Lions Club as a symbol of unity and cross-cultural pride.

The Vancouver Chinatown Lions Club will be celebrating its 65th anniversary in 2019 and sees an opportunity to bring the community together for a public flag-raising event on May 5, 2019.

Staff have been working closely with the Chinatown Lions Club and internal groups to explore installation options and implement the flagpole and ensure the May 5<sup>th</sup> Flag Raising Ceremony can be achieved. The base for the flagpole was completed on April 30, 2019, and the flagpole installed on May 2, 2019.

Staff have also engaged and informed other Chinatown community groups and stakeholders such as the Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver, Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, Vancouver Chinatown Business Improvement Area Society, Vancouver Chinatown Merchant Association and the Youth Collaborative for Chinatown about this installation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.



Jerry W. Dobrovolny, P.Eng., MBA  
General Manager, Engineering Services

604.873.7331 | [jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca](mailto:jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca)