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Subject: [Update on the Chinatown Legacy Stewardship Group \(LSG\)](#)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Theresa O'Donnell, GM of Planning, Urban Design & Sustainability and Sandra Singh, GM of Arts, Culture, and Community Services. The purpose of the memo is to provide an update on Chinatown LSG's work and the updated membership list for 2022.

- LSG was established in April 2018 as a direction by Council.
- LSG is an important platform to coordinate and undertake community actions, and provide staff advice on the Cultural Heritage Assets Management Plan.
- Since the start of the Chinatown Transformation work, over 30 community projects have been completed, including 8 pilot projects coordinated and led by LSG.
- LSG members have expressed support to continue the group to the end of 2022. 32 of the existing 36 members are available to serve on LSG until end of 2022. 4 members are not available due to other commitments.
- An updated membership list for 2022 is included in the memo.

Should you have any questions, please contact Theresa O'Donnell (Theresa.O'Donnell@vancouver.ca) or Sandra Singh (Sandra.Singh@vancouver.ca).

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

December 10, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Theresa O'Donnell, General Manager, PDS
Sandra Singh, General Manager, ACCS

SUBJECT: Staff Update on the Chinatown Legacy Stewardship Group (LSG)

RTS #: N/A

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to update Mayor and Council on the Chinatown Legacy Stewardship Group, including their updated membership list for 2022.

BACKGROUND

In April 2018, Vancouver City Council delivered a formal apology for past discrimination against residents of Chinese descent. Council adopted twelve legacy actions in three work areas to give meaning to the apology, including directing staff to establish a community working group to guide cultural redress actions.

In 2019, City Council approved the establishment of this community working group, now called the Legacy Stewardship Group (LSG). An important part of the Chinatown Transformation

Team's (CTT) work has been to support the LSG. The LSG is comprised of 36 members appointed by Council, drawn from a wide spectrum of sectors in the community.

The main roles of the LSG are to guide and undertake community actions and provide advice to staff on the development of a Cultural Heritage Assets Management Plan (CHAMP), a foundational document for Chinatown's UNESCO World Heritage Site preparation. The LSG meets monthly, with CTT acting as secretariat.

UPDATE

Update on the Work of the Legacy Stewardship Group

Since the start of the Chinatown Transformation work in 2018, over 30 community projects have been completed or initiated, including the following eight pilot projects organized by the LSG working groups:

- Fire Dragon Festival (Completed)
- Chinatown Noodlelicious Festival (Completed)
- Chinatown Stories Volume 3 – Stories of Resilience (Completed)
- Research Report: Needs and Supports of Chinese Seniors Living in the Downtown Eastside (Completed)
- Solidarity Bridging Arts – Exhibitions: Rivers Have Mouths and Look Towards the Sun (Completed)
- Chinatown Safety Project (Completed)
- Heritage Significance through Storytelling Podcast (Completed)
- Seniors Housing Inventory (Underway)

The pilot projects were documented in videos produced by the Vancouver Asia Film Festival, which were shared at the recent Chinatown Reimagined Community Forum (please refer to the videos online at [this link](#)). These projects used innovative ways to promote, invest in and manage Chinatown's cultural heritage assets and demonstrated the tremendous capacity and volunteerism the community has dedicated to Chinatown.

Under the leadership of its co-chairs, the LSG has also been instrumental in advocating for economic recovery needs for Chinatown, raising issues of streets and safety and supporting anti-racism initiatives. During the pandemic, LSG worked with a collaborative of service agencies to support seniors, including working with the health authority, to organize vaccine clinics for residents and seniors with mobility and language barriers to accessing regular clinics.

LSG has been an invaluable platform for community partnership, collaboration and leadership. Members of the LSG are supportive of continuing the Group to the end of 2022. Thirty-two members have confirmed their availability to continue and four members will not continue due to other commitments. The LSG will be extended for one year through to the end of 2022.

The focus of the LSG in 2022 will be on guiding implementation of the draft Cultural Heritage Assets Management Plan, supporting the next phase of preparation towards a UNESCO World Heritage Site application, and exploring the feasibility of a community-based entity such as a

cultural land trust to coordinate community actions and to manage the cultural heritage assets of Chinatown.

Next Steps for Chinatown Transformation Work

In 2022, staff anticipate reporting to Council on the proposed CHAMP, the scope of the next phase (phase 2) of Chinatown Transformation work, and the continued preparation work towards a future UNESCO World Heritage Site application. In addition, staff will consult with the members of the LSG and develop a recommendation for the group's work for the years following 2022.

LSG Membership List for 2022

No.	Name	Organization/Individual
1	Alain Chow	Individual
2	Anita (Chan) Bardal	Individual
3	Aynsley Wong Meldrum	Wongs' Benevolent Association
4	Bill Kwok	Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver
5	Brooke Xiang	Chinatown Today
6	Charlotte Li	Individual
7	Danny Quon	The Hon Hsing Athletic Club of Vancouver
8	Fred Kwok	Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver
9	Fred Mah	Individual
10	Glynnis Chan	Individual
11	Henry Tom	Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association
12	Inge Roecker	Individual
13	Janssen Ong	Chinese Community Policing Center
14	Jordan Eng	Vancouver Chinatown Business Improvement Association
15	Jugen Li	Chinatown Concern Group
16	June Chow 周慕慈 / Susan Ma 馬曉明	Youth Collaborative for Chinatown 青心在唐人街
17	Kevin Huang 黃儀軒	hua foundation
18	Laiwan Chung	Individual
19	Leslie Shieh	Individual
20	Li Yu Rong	Chinatown Concern Group
21	Lorraine Lowe	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden
22	Michael Sing Yau Tan 譚聖祐	Individual
23	Minna Van	West Coast Technology Innovation Foundation
24	Robert Sung	Individual
25	Ross Lam	Individual
26	Sinder Kaur	SUCCESS

27	Sonny Wong	Individual
28	Stephanie Leo	Individual
29	Todd Huang	Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice
30	Rosie Wang (Wang Zhao)	Chinatown Concern Group
31	William Ma	Mah Society of Canada
32	Terry Hunter	Individual

LSG Members Not Continuing

Name	Organization/Individual
Carmut Me	Heritage Vancouver
Cecil Charles Chi Chung Fung	Chinese Freemasons of Vancouver
Kimberley Wong	Individual
To Trinh Diep	Individual

FINAL REMARKS

The City's collaboration with the Legacy Stewardship Group is an important partnership and we look forward to continuing working with them on economic, cultural, and social development of this important neighbourhood. Staff appreciate Council's continued support of this important initiative. Should Council have any questions, please do not hesitate to email either sponsor GM at theresa.odonnell@vancouver.ca or sandra.singh@vancouver.ca and we will ensure questions receive response through the weekly Council Q&As.



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