

**NOTICE OF MEETING
CHINATOWN HISTORIC AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
A G E N D A**

DATE: Thursday, January 11, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Chinese Cultural Centre
50 East Pender Street

Please call 604-873-7141 if you are unable to attend this meeting

1. Council Appointments and Chair Election Process 5.30PM - 5.45PM

“At its In Camera meeting held on December 12, 2017, Vancouver City Council approved the following:

G. THAT the following individuals’ terms on the **Chinatown Historic Area Committee** be extended until February 28, 2018, or until successors are appointed:

- Marianne Amodio (Architectural Institute of British Columbia)
- Pui Lam Ho (Chinatown Merchants Association)
- Mark Shieh (Chinatown Property Owner)
- Edmund Ma (Chinatown Property Owner)
- Raymond Tam (Chinese Benevolent Association)
- May So (Member-at-Large)
- John Atkin (Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society)
- Joseph Lau (SUCCESS)
- Helen Lee (PIBC)
- Inge Roecker (Heritage Vancouver)

FURTHER THAT Council revisit the membership criteria of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee.”

After personal introduction the newly formed Committee will nominate and elect the Chair and Vice-Chair for the next term (until February 28, 2018 or until successors are appointed).

Staff: Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner

2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes 5.45PM - 5.50PM

Proposed meeting Agenda, and Minutes of December 14, 2017 to be adopted

3. Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver 5.50PM - 6.30PM

On October 20, 2017, Baldwin Wong, Social Policy and Projects, provided a presentation to Council on Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver, including project timelines, research findings, the draft apology, community engagement and recommendations. At the Regular Council meeting on October 31, 2017, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 1, 2017, to hear from speakers. The Committee heard from nine speakers in support of the recommendations.

The Committee recommended to Council:

A. THAT Council adopt the attached “Preliminary Research on Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver” report which provides context and background for the initiative. (Appendix 1: “Preliminary Research on Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver” of the Administrative Report dated October 20, 2017, entitled “Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver”).

B. THAT Council adopt Recommendation #1 of the Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People (HDC) Advisory Group that requests a public acknowledgement and a formal apology for past legislation, regulations and policies of previous Vancouver City Councils that discriminated against residents of Chinese descent, (Appendix 2: “HDC Project Overview and Recommendations” of the Administrative Report dated October 20, 2017, entitled “Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver”);

FURTHER THAT Council adopt the draft apology text (in English and Chinese) prepared by the HDC Advisory group as the basis for Council’s public acknowledgement and apology subject to any changes that Council may request or subject to the final text being approved by the General Manager, Community Services (Appendix 3: “Draft Apology” of the above-noted report).

C. THAT the apology in its Chinese version be delivered in a dialect that was spoken by early Chinese residents, as they were the ones most affected by these legislation, regulations and policies.

D. THAT, pending Council’s approval of B above, Council direct staff to organize an Acknowledgement and Apology event.

E. THAT Council receive the Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People Advisory Group’s Recommendation #2, including the twelve priority actions, and request a staff report back on the feasibility, scope, staffing and resource requirements in implementing the Recommendation and Priority Actions (Appendix 2: “HDC Project Overview and Recommendations” of the Administrative Report dated October 20, 2017, entitled “Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver”).

F. THAT Council offer thanks to members of the Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People Advisory Group for their significant and enduring contribution towards the initiative (Appendix 4: “HDC Advisory Group Members” of the Administrative Report dated October 20, 2017, entitled “Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver”).

G. THAT City Council endorse initiating a UNESCO Heritage Site application for Vancouver Chinatown and;

- write a letter to the Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, and Premier John Horgan requesting their support; and
- write a letter to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of the

Environment who is responsible for Parks Canada, requesting her permission to put Vancouver Chinatown into Parks Canada Tentative Heritage Site list as a late application.

H. THAT City staff organize official apology events in April 2018, using the spoken Chinese dialect of Toishanese but ensuring that all written materials be translated into traditional and simplified Chinese script.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Vote No. 02294)

Tom Wanklin, Senior DTES Planner, will provide additional information as well as an update on other related Chinatown activities.

Staff: Tom Wanklin, Senior DTES Planner, COV
Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner, COV

4. CHAPC - Terms of Reference

6.30PM - 7.30PM

Helen Lee, Committee Chair (2017) has requested some time to discuss Committee's Terms of Reference (TOR), current and future role and mandate, as well as the membership criteria. The review of current TOR document has been initiated in 2017 and subcommittee formed to provide further input. Helen Lee will present subcommittee's initial findings for further discussion.

Presenter: Helen Lee, CHAPC Chair (2017), member of CHAPC TOR Subcommittee

Next meeting:

DATE: February 8, 2018

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: Chinese Cultural Centre Boardroom, 50 East Pender Street