



Supporting Chinatown's renewed vibrancy, including both economic and community development

INFORMATION ON THE CHINATOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In June 2024, City Council approved the draft *Chinatown Cultural Framework* including the establishment of a Chinatown Advisory Committee to guide the City's work in Chinatown.

Purpose of the Chinatown Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Chinatown Advisory Committee is to provide advice to Mayor and Council and inform city-wide priorities and work related to Chinatown, including on the implementation of the *Chinatown Cultural District Framework* and related projects delivery. Members of the committee will:

1. Provide advice to Mayor and Council on Chinatown priorities, including on the implementation of the *Chinatown Cultural District Framework*.
2. Provide advice, expertise, and experiential knowledge on Council priorities related to Chinatown. Advise Council on all civic programs that relate to Chinatown, including advice on Chinatown priorities in City plans and policy initiatives.
3. Consider the needs of residents, businesses, non-profit and community-serving organizations, and cultural institutions and bring forward a broad range of perspectives and interests.
4. Identify opportunities for collaboration and partnerships with non-profit organizations, cultural institutions, external agencies, and counterparts from other civic agencies on issues of mutual interest.
5. Provide recommendations on effective broader engagement with residents, businesses, and various community partners. Engage in outreach to disseminate information and encourage participation from constituent communities.

Eligibility

Public membership to the Committee is limited to people with lived experience of Chinatown, and representatives from organizations who provide services to, or support, people in Chinatown. Most the Committee's public membership will be comprised of people with lived experience. All selected community members must live in the City of Vancouver.

The Committee will be comprised of a mix of community members with lived experience and five staff liaisons (non-voting status) to allow for public accountability, and direct communication and feedback. The total number of members will range from 12 to 20 and will be determined by Mayor and Council.

Membership will also consist of representatives from several pre-identified organizations who are not required to submit an application for the committee. This includes: Vancouver Chinatown Foundation; Chinese Canadian Museum; Chinatown Society, Heritage Buildings Association; Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden; Chinese Benevolent Association; S.U.C.C.E.S.S; Vancouver Chinatown Business Improvement Association; Vancouver Chinatown Merchants Association; Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver; Chair of the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee, or alternate as determined; and, two residents who live in Chinatown.

Time Commitment

The Chinatown Advisory Committee will meet at least six (6) times per year. Additional meetings may be scheduled as required.

Meetings may be held in person, virtually, or in a hybrid model.

Term

Committee members are committed to a two (2) year term. Some memberships may be renewed for an additional term. Membership terms will be staggered so that there is both renewal and continuity of this work within the City.

Accessible Participation

Funding will be available to support or interpreters, technical equipment, or other resources deemed necessary for full participation.

Would you like to be a part of the City's Chinatown Advisory Committee?

INVITATION TO APPLY

The City of Vancouver is looking for persons with lived experience of Chinatown to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Tell us who you are and why you want to be a part of the City of Vancouver's Chinatown Advisory Committee. To the extent that you are comfortable doing so, please outline your lived experience with Chinatown and any intersectional identity factors. Feel free to express your desire to be involved in the Chinatown

Advisory Committee in any way you like. You can:

- Complete the form online
- Complete the attached form and email to Chinatown@vancouver.ca, or mail hard copy to Attn.:

Julie Morand, Senior Manager
City Manager's Office
City of Vancouver
112 Keefer Street,
Vancouver, British Columbia
V6A 1X4 Canada

- Record a video and email to Chinatown@vancouver.ca
- Email Cinatown@vancouver.ca to schedule an appointment to complete the application over the telephone.

Note application deadline: Friday August 30, 2024

The spectrum of identity factors will be considered to ensure that the Chinatown Advisory Committee is reflective of the diversity of Vancouver.

2. Once your application is received, a staff will contact you to schedule a meeting to discuss your application.

It can be an in-person meeting, on-line meeting, or a telephone meeting. Supports needed for you to participate in the meeting successfully will be provided.

The City of Vancouver's Chinatown Advisory Committee

APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: Friday, August 30, 2024

Submit applications to: chinatown@vancouver.ca



SECTION 1: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name:

Contact Information (email, phone number and address)

SECTION 2: GETTING TO KNOW YOU BETTER

Do you have lived experience in Chinatown?

Yes

No

Do you identify as Indigenous?

Yes

No

Do you identify as a youth (age limit: 21 years old)?

Yes

No

Do you live in Vancouver?

Yes

No

Are you a representative from an organization who provides services to/supports people with lived experience in Chinatown?

Yes

No

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Please tell us about yourself. To the extent that you are comfortable doing so, please outline here your lived experience with Chinatown and any intersectional identity factors (maximum 100 words).

Why do you feel that you would be a good fit for the City's Chinatown Advisory Committee (maximum 100 words)?

SECTION 3: AVAILABILITY

Are you available to meet at least six (6) times a year?

Yes

No

Are you available for two (2) years?

Yes

No

SECTION 4: ACCESSIBILITY

Do you require documents to be translated from English?

Yes

No

Do you require interpretation services during meetings?

Yes

No