

CHINATOWN TRANSFORMATION

Share what's important and take action together



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WHAT IS CHINATOWN TRANSFORMATION?

We've heard that people in Chinatown are energized, and want to transform the way we work together.



THE SIX VALUES OF CHINATOWN'S LEGACY

Chinatown's legacy includes six values that we've heard make Chinatown the special place we cherish.

As a community, we want our work to reflect these core values of Chinatown's legacy. It's how we ensure that Chinatown always remains authentic.

a place of stories

The personal stories of Chinese-Canadians and other cultures in Chinatown (e.g. Modernize Tailors, Yucho Chow photography studio)

Bill and Jack Wong,
Modernize Tailors



a place of character

The buildings and physical features that make up the look of Chinatown (e.g. narrow storefronts, neon signs)



a place of experience

The activities, sights, sounds, tastes and smells (e.g. traditional herbal stores, hearing mahjong)



a place of opportunity

Overcoming adversity to create a better life through entrepreneurship, activism, and perseverance (e.g. anti-firehall protests, family businesses)



a place of connection

The ties with our families, ancestors and loved ones (e.g. visiting grandparents, family meals)



a place of tradition

Rituals, ceremonies, and cultural festivals (e.g. Lunar New Year parade, clan association ancestral ceremonies)



GET INVOLVED AT EACH STAGE OF THE PROJECT

1 Learning what's important



HIDDEN GEMS OF CHINATOWN

Tell us about the hidden gems that make Chinatown unique and authentic. It might be a story, object, activity, place, or experience in Chinatown.

We need to know what's important before we can make a long-term plan for Chinatown, so you play a key role by identifying these gems.

Share your hidden gems at vancouver.ca/hidden-gems.

2 Taking action together



WORKING GROUPS & CHINATOWN CHAMPIONS

Are you ready to take action and work with others on projects in Chinatown?

Join one of our topic-specific Working Groups: health and safety, public spaces, arts and culture, businesses, and heritage.

Interested in working on another topic, or want to connect with others to develop an idea? Become a Chinatown Champion!

Learn more and sign up at vancouver.ca/chinatown.

3 Making a long-term plan



CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Building on earlier actions and our inventory of hidden gems, we will develop a long-term plan for a vibrant Chinatown.

Sustaining Chinatown's legacy is a long-term project, and we need everyone's help to succeed. There will be many opportunities to play a part in Chinatown's future.

The plan may form the basis of a potential future UNESCO World Heritage Site application.