1) Adoption of Agenda and Minutes  

Proposed meeting Agenda and Minutes of September 08, 2015 to be adopted.

2) Policy Adjustments to Chinatown Zoning  

Staff will be presenting possible adjustments to the Chinatown Zoning and Rezoning Policy. The objective of the proposed is to improve design of future new developments so they are more compatible with the Chinatown historic character and applicable Design Guidelines.

   Staff: Paul Cheng, Senior Development Planner, Urban Design Division
          Helen Ma, Planner 2, DTES Group

3) 303 E Pender St. (Formerly 450 Gore St.) - DE 418996  
New Mural on east side of new 6-storey building  

On March 3rd, 2015 Council supported the rezoning of the property at 303 E. Pender St. (450 Gore St.) from RT-3 to CD-1 to allow the construction of a six storey mixed use building with retail at grade and secured rental residential units above. The site is currently vacant and is adjacent to the Lee Benevolent Association building. In 2010, as part of the Great Beginnings Inter-governmental Initiative, a mural featuring Lao Tse was installed on the west wall of the Lee Benevolent Society building (313 East Pender Street).

While both sites are located in the Strathcona neighborhood, the mural is visible from Chinatown. During the Public Hearing for 303 East Pender St., many people spoke about their concern that the mural would be covered by the new development. The new building proposal did contain a proposal for a new mural on the east side of the building, visible above the Lee Benevolent Association building. However, Council added a condition of rezoning to clarify the proposal:

“Design development to create a new mural to reflect the character and history of Chinatown;
Note to Applicant: The intent is not to recreate the existing mural, but rather to seek a viable opportunity to create a new mural of a suitable size and location on the building, including possible location on the eastern side of the building.”

The building is now at the Development Permit stage, and a mural design has been proposed for the Director of Planning approval.

   Applicant: Gair Williamson, Architect
   Staff: Ann McLean, Senior Development Planner, Urban Design Division
Next meeting:

DATE: November 10, 2015
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Chinese Cultural Centre Boardroom, 50 East Pender Street