

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

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

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

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**1) Adoption of Agenda and Minutes 5.30PM - 5.35PM**

Proposed meeting Agenda and Minutes of September 9, 2014 to be adopted.

**2) Heritage Action Plan - Update 5.35PM - 6.30PM**

The Heritage Action Plan, approved by City Council in December 2013, is a set of strategic actions aimed at updating and improving the City's existing Heritage Conservation Program. The following are key areas for action and implementation through the Plan:

1. Heritage Conservation Program review
2. Heritage Register upgrade
3. Character home zoning review
4. Sustainability initiatives
5. Awareness and advocacy initiatives

Staff will present an overview and progress update on the Plan, and will review the work program and public consultation schedule for 2015.

Background information on the Heritage Action Plan can be found online at: [www.vancouver.ca/heritage-action-plan](http://www.vancouver.ca/heritage-action-plan)

Staff: Tanis Knowles Yarnell, Planner  
Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner

**2) Chinatown Planning Initiatives - Update 6.30PM - 7.30PM**

The DTES planning team will provide an update on a number of ongoing planning initiatives for Chinatown:

1. Support for Chinatown Society Buildings -  
On December 17, 2014 Council approved \$1.16 million in matching grants to 17 Chinese family clan and benevolent societies for critical capital upgrades to society-owned buildings in Chinatown and the Downtown Eastside. 10 Societies provide affordable housing for a total of 407 units with rents ranging between \$175 and \$670 per month. These grants support and strengthen the Societies, which continue to play a vital role in protect affordable housing and preserving the areas unique character, cultural identity and heritage. Applications are being accepted for the second round of matching grants, closing Friday, February 27, 2015.

2. **Strategic Support for Society Buildings -**  
Complementing the Chinese Society Buildings Matching Grant Program, a consultant team is being sought to provide strategic support for the rehabilitation of the heritage Society buildings. This includes conducting technical studies of the Society heritage buildings in Chinatown, and preparing a business case and partner development package for their rehabilitation.
3. **DTES Capital Grants -**  
December 17, 2014 Council approved an investment of \$955,814 to 40 non-profit organisations in the DTES through the DTES Capital Grants Program to strategically advance the social, economic, and environmental objectives of the DTES Plan. The Grants Program provides funding based on Council priorities to help the local community—vulnerable residents, in particular—to achieve better opportunities and quality of life. For Chinatown, two societies and an artist facility have been approved for grant funding.
4. **Dragon Lights -**  
All the dragon lights in Chinatown will be cleaned up, re-painted in the same colour and updated with new LED lighting. This is a partnership between the Chinatown Community and the City of Vancouver.
5. **Recognizing Lillian To -**  
Council directed staff to report back on options to commemorate Lillian To, former Chief Executive Officer of SUCCESS, in recognition of her lifetime achievements advocating for the rights, responsibilities and benefits to newcomers to the City of Vancouver. Two sites on Pender (Carrall and at Shanghai Alley) are being considered.
6. **Chinatown Character Workshop -**  
A workshop with Chinatown Community members to discuss with City staff the meaning of Chinatown character, the interpretation of the HA-1 and HA-1A zoning and design guidelines, and how to capture the essence of Chinatown character into the building design. The findings will be reported back to a special joint workshop of the Urban Design Panel (UDP) and the Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee (CHAPC) in early March.
7. **Neon Light Program -**  
Staff will explore a program to introduce neon lights back into the Chinatown area.

Staff: Wesley Joe, DTES Planner  
Helen Ma, DTES Planner  
Zlatan Jankovic, Heritage Planner

**Next meeting:**

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