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Last name (required) Feimo

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Renaming James Short Park

<https://engage.calgary.ca/tomorrows-chinatown/renameJSP>

Going back to summer of 2020, I was awarded a Community-Initiated Public Art Microprojects grant for Utility Box Stories. The project addresses the erasure of local histories, and seeks to replace existing images on the Canton Block utility box to reflect rather than erase the BIPOC who were and are here. Renaming James Short Park addresses the "Erasure" priority within the grant application—such as "Uncover little-known stories about the city or overlooked histories", "Focus on justice, inclusion, and human dignity".

This leg of the journey started when I proposed the idea of renaming James Short Park in the grant application. Submitted it on June 29, 2020 and within about 10 days the Calgary Herald, CBC and other local media carried a story about renaming James Short Park. Somehow the proposed idea was revealed, and a motion was forwarded to the City's Priorities and Finance committee and passed by the third week of July. Quite serendipitous.

Renaming James Short Park would address the "Erasure" priority within the grant application.

It has been a long journey from my initial arts microgrant application to the Tomorrow's Chinatown advisory group discussions, to the James Short group discussions. Along the way, Harry Sanders wrote an article published on City webpage May 2021 to which I responded with the following essay in July 2021.

[Reflections on Exclusion and Other Things In the Dark](#) – by 馬鳳齡 Fung Ling Feimo in response to Mr. Sanders's interim draft of James Short Historical Research.

The new name of the park was first introduced in April 2021 and it evolved over the period of a year, until April 2022. I understand that the new name will be formally announced on November 1, 2022 and won't disclose it here.

To reclaim a park and address Erasure and Racism, I firmly believe in using the heritage language as the right starting point. Not the colonial language. Hence the derivation of the name was done in Chinese, with two Chinese characters that remained constant even when other parts evolved. Throughout the process, the key words in both Chinese and the translated English, stayed the same. The Indigenous naming portion is pending discussion.

Along the way, we heard from the community as well as the general public, with many ways to participate in the engagement process, including:

- Invitation to submit "Memories of Chinatown"
- "What are your ideas or activity suggestions to honour the community and history of Chinatown in the park? Tell us why."
- Feb 26, 2022 [Feature Event Recording: A Discussion on Racism and the Renaming of a Park](#)
- Suggestions for the name and voting

Thank you to the Executive Leadership and the Tomorrow's Chinatown team for all your hard work. Thank you everyone for participating and taking the journey with us.

馬鳳齡

Fung Ling Feimo

October 11, 2022

Respectfully submitted from the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Îyâxe Nakoda Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

**Presentation to the City of Calgary Infrastructure and Planning Committee on
Oct. 14, 2022 by Lloyd Sciban**

Thank you for this opportunity to address the City of Calgary Infrastructure and Planning Committee in support of the proposed Chinatown Cultural Plan within the Tomorrow's Chinatown Program.

My name is Lloyd Sciban. I am a retired professor of East Asia Studies at the University of Calgary. My research and teaching have focused on the contributions of Chinese Canadians to Canadian culture and society. I am also a member of the Chinatown Advisory Group that has been assisting the Tomorrow's Chinatown Program.

With regard to the Chinatown Cultural Plan, culture is important to any community. It includes characteristics that create identity and vitality. Sometimes, because of its less tangible nature, culture is overlooked in assessing and developing a community; however, because of its essential link to the identity of its residents, supporting the culture is an effective means to ensure the sustainability of a community.

This is even more evident for a community as unique as Calgary Chinatown; its culture has sustained it through many challenges and today the Plan before you attempts to protect and foster that culture. Protecting and fostering this culture preserves a critical mass of alternative values in areas such as eldercare, herbal medicine, frugality, concern for others, and the pursuit of education. The City's promotion of Calgary Chinatown's culture also fosters diversity that contributes to the city's resilience, sustains an activity/dining/tourist destination in downtown Calgary, and makes a statement opposing racism.

For more than two years, teams from City Planning, Engagement, and Culture have worked with the Chinatown Advisory Group to create a cultural plan for Calgary Chinatown. City Council supported this initiative by approving \$700,000 in funding. The City hired a consulting firm Dunefield Consulting from Vancouver that worked with the City, the Advisory Group, and the broader community to produce the Cultural Plan. Although limited by COVID restrictions, the City was able to solicit the views of more than seventeen hundred people through this process.

The resulting Chinatown Cultural Plan creates policies and tools that, if implemented properly, will allow Chinatown to flourish and contribute to Calgary's vitality far into the future. Highlights of the plan include the identification of resources and the creation of proposals surrounding five major themes: people, culture, commerce, housing, and places.

In assessing the value of the Cultural Plan, its implementation offers a bright future for Calgary Chinatown and its role in promoting Calgary's prosperity. It also serves as a model for creating similar plans in other Calgary communities. A less known achievement is the coalescence of various interests in support of the plan. Given these values, one can be optimistic that the Plan will produce multiple benefits for the City and its residents and visitors.



Calgary Chinatown Community Association

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October 12, 2022

The City of Calgary
800 MacLeod Trail SE
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Attention: Infrastructure and Planning Committee

Chinatown Cultural Plan and Local Area Plan

The Calgary Chinatown Community Association (CCCA) has participated in the discussion and sharing ideas with respect to the work of Tomorrow's Chinatown for the ARP/Cultural Plan.

We hereby express our support of the project in particular the engagement process. The process has been well taken by a wide spread of stakeholders. It is encouraged keeping this format of engagement in future works.

We have expressed 2 concerns in the proposed ARP as follows:

1. The density for the area C2 is too high (FAR 12.0 max) as compared to the next areas of B (FAR 7.5 max) on both sides. The special treatment this parcel of land will make the future development in the remainder of the block look awkward as it will be very disproportionate.
2. The current Chinatown is 9 blocks area which is very small compared to our neighbors. The proposed ARP designated 3 character areas, namely heritage core, cultural core and edge area. This divides up the community into very small parcels of land blocks. We do propose to remove the edge

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area and include it as cultural area. Two character areas are simple and easy to follow by the general public.

We have no concerns of the Cultural Plan and look forward to work together for its implementation as to inform Area Redevelopment Plan.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ed Tam'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Ed Tam
President

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SOME THOUGHTS ON CHINATOWN PLANNING

RENEE ZHANG

SELF-INTRODUCTION RENEE ZHANG

- **Urban art/landscape planner**

Have led an urban sculpture planning for a city of 4 million population.

Have Learned from Mr.Taiker Liu. (the first chief urban planner of Singapore).

Devoted to promote urban art/sculpture in urban planning.

- **Public Sculptor & Artist**

Have over 30 self-created public sculptures placed in squares & parks in difference cities in China.

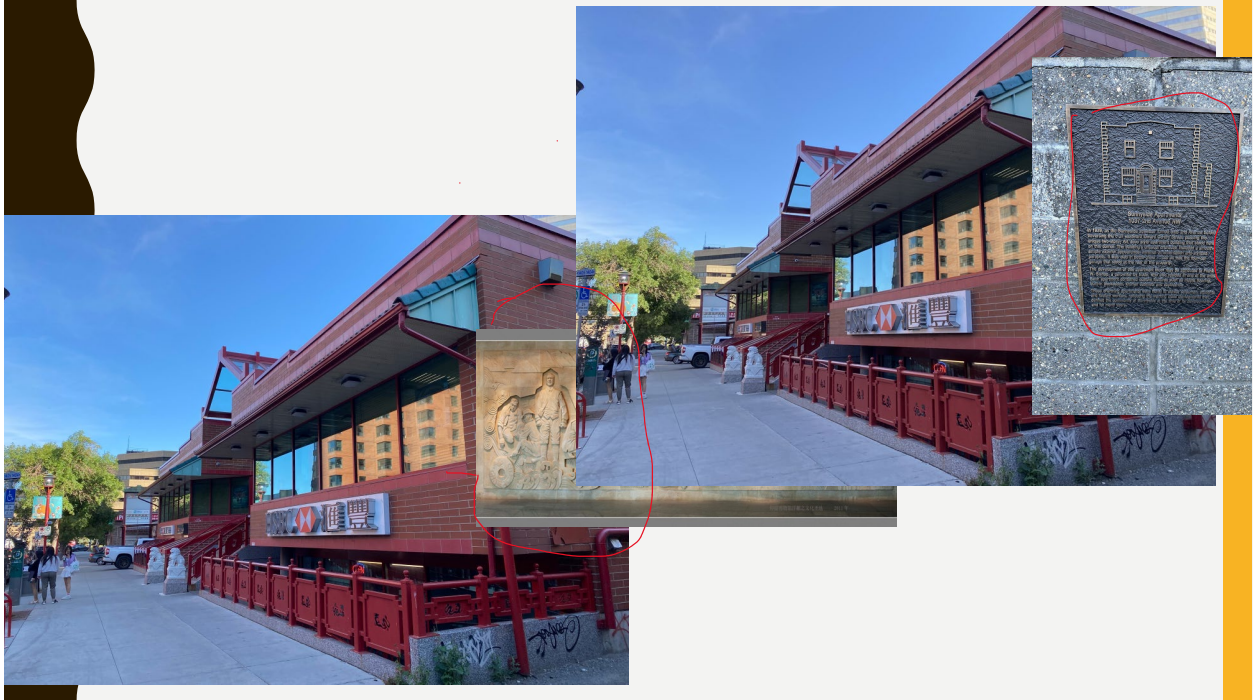
SOME SUGGESTIONS AND QUESTIONS TO SHARE

ABOUT CHINATOWN

- 1. Display the history of historical buildings in the form of reliefs/plaques or other art forms on or around the buildings;
- 2. Have more urban sculptures representing the history and culture of Chinatown;
- 3. Regularly hold artistic activities to promote the integration of diverse cultures, such as sculpture festival or setting up a sculpture park;

1. DISPLAY THE HISTORIES OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS IN CHINATOWN;





2. HAVE MORE URBAN SCULPTURES REPRESENTING THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF CHINATOWN;





- What “Mother and Son Love” was created in 2000 by myself, set in the parks of the Fen River in Taiyuan, China. The Fen River is the only river in Taiyuan, and it has nurtured the local people since ancient times. Therefore, I designed this mother and child sculpture to show what the river means to the local people: the mother represents the Fen River, and the child represents the local residents.



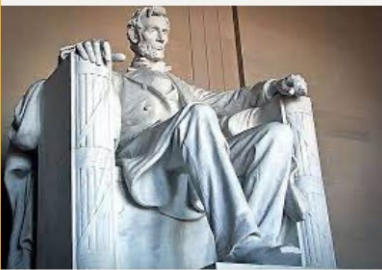
“Footprint
Riverside Series
Sculptures”
reflecting the early
immigrants’
lifestyles in
Singapore



Different sculptures on streets of cities in China which reflect the lives of earlier Chinese.



Various monumental sculptures in Washington DC



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**ART EVENTS
WITHIN THE
FILM
FESTIVAL,
AND THE
STAMPEDE,
ETC.**



SET UP A SCULPTURE PARK IN JAMES SHORT PARK



EXAMPLE USING CHINESE ZODIAC SCULPTURES





SOME FINANCING SOLUTIONS

- . SPONSORSHIP: ENTERPRISE NAMING**
- . GOVERNMENT FUNDING**
- . DONATION: DONATIONS FROM PEOPLE**
- . VOLUNTEERING: SCULPTOR SPONSORSHIP**

OTHER RESOURCES THAT I CAN PROVIDE TO CONTRIBUTE

- . RESOURCES FROM MY NON-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**
- . INTERNATIONAL SCULPTORS & SCULPTURE PRODUCTION CONNECTIONS**



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October 12, 2022

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Attn: Infrastructure and Planning Committee

Dear Councilors,

Re: Chinatown ARP and Cultural Plan

With respect to the Chinatown ARP, The Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre have two comments.

1. Under the Character Areas heading, the existing proposal contemplates three cores, namely the Heritage Core, the Cultural Core and Edge area. Since the physical area of the Community of China is already so small, and the community should be a mix use residential community, it would be preferable to have just one zone or core, the cultural core, for the entire community. Having an Edge area in another way of shrinking an already small community footprint.
2. Under the Density heading, there should not be an Area C2. The parcels currently identified as C2 should have the same density as Area B for the entire block. We are mindful that there was a proposed development, but no development is being taken. It became in effect a “rezone and flip” parcel, a “land speculation” instead of a “land development”.

Based on feedback from numerous members of the greater Calgary Chinese community, the above two points are the major concerns.

With respect to the Cultural Plan, the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre is in full support of it.

Thank you.

Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre

Malcolm Chow, Chairman

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First name (required) Grace

Last name (required) Su

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Sorry, I updated the file slightly. Please disregard my earlier file and use this one instead. Thank you.

October 13, 2022

Your Worship Jyoti Gondek
Ward 7 Councillor Terry Wong
All Ward Councillors
Historic City Hall
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Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5

Re: Tomorrow's Chinatown Projects

Dear Your Worship Mayor Gondek, Councillor Wong, and City Council,

The Chinatown Business Improvement Area (BIA) sincerely thanks the City Council, City Administration and the Tomorrow's Chinatown team for the past six years' journey to the making of the Tomorrow's Chinatown projects.

- Chinatown Area Redevelopment Plan
- Chinatown Cultural Plan
- Renaming James Short Park and Parkade

The Chinatown BIA has participated actively and devotedly to the community stakeholder and public engagement meetings and processes. Personally for me, Grace Su, I have engaged in all activities since 2016 while volunteering with Chinatown Community Stakeholders' Committee (CCSC) as the coordinator and now as the Chairperson for Chinatown BIA. The Chinatown BIA sincerely appreciate these meetings' inclusiveness and thoughtful process, and the new ARP and a brand new cultural plan.

This six years journey (2016 to 2022) of The City of Calgary working with the Chinatown community has been influential to the future of Chinatown, the vibrancy of the Chinatown community and many small merchants, and the preservation and growth of a 111-year old unique community. But also building trust and cooperation with the Chinatown community and the public to create this culturally unique, must-visit destination and livable community. For that, we thank you!

After reviewing the proposed Chinatown ARP and the Chinatown Cultural Plan, the Chinatown BIA would like to highlight a few key elements that we hope The City Council would consider building on the plans:

1. **Ongoing Parking Challenges** – While the City is trying to encourage other means of mobility into Chinatown, Chinatown continues to suffer from lack of parking and high parking rate for short term stay to support the small businesses. We wish the ARP would be more specific to allow for more parking stall availability and a way to encourage short-term stay in Chinatown.

2. **Park Master Plan** – We hope to see the next step in seeing a master plan with the green space and in particular the redevelopment of Sien Lok Park, in Chinatown. A thoughtful park master plan to encourage residents, visitors and families to enjoy for three seasons if not all year round.
3. **Expand Visual Boundaries** – It might be a difficult discussion and administrative decision, but it makes more visual sense to include the square block (Centre St, 3 Ave SW, 4 Ave SW and 1 St SW) of where TD Bank and Sun Life plaza is located into Chinatown boundaries. People always have mistaken that block as part of Chinatown and Chinatown BIA cannot fully support and engage with those merchants on that block.
4. **Visually Distinctiveness may be affected by Area C Non-river edges** – the maximum allowable density (FAR) to 12 may be too high, which blocks off the view of the historical Chinatown area and affect the overall visual characteristics of Chinatown. The idea of Chinatown being visually distinctive may be lost. It is a bit much for a small 9-block community to cut it into three to five density zones allowance.
5. **The Control of the Chinatown Improvement Fund** needs to be clear and accepted by the Chinatown community. The process and control need to be objective and open. : who will administer it, who will decide whether the projects will be beneficial to Chinatown, and what are the criteria of how the fund is used.
6. **Next Step: Implementation Plan and Investment** in making Chinatown a must-visit destination and a great experience for all Calgarians and visitors. This is crucial! A plan is only a plan until it gets executed to become a reality. Chinatown BIA would like to request the City Council to set aside budgets to invest in the rollout of the Tomorrow's Chinatown plans – especially building on the public realms and the actions suggested in the cultural plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to include the Chinatown BIA in the engagement process. We are very willing and devoted to continue to work with The City and the Chinatown community to make Chinatown a clean and safe community, a must-visit destination and a great experience neighbourhood.

Respectfully,



Grace Su
Chairperson
Chinatown BIA



Brian Wong
Executive Director
Chinatown BIA