



# Vancouver Cantonese Opera

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February 23rd, 2020

Councillor S. Dhaliwal,  
Executive Committee of Council,  
c/o Office of the City Clerk,  
4949 Canada Way,  
Burnaby, B.C.,  
V5G 1M2

Dear Councillor:

**Grant Request #20-S-002 File: 2410-20-6**

Vancouver Cantonese Opera would like to thank you for approving the Cultural Grant for the Cantonese Opera Festival to be held on 2020 May 30, at the Michael J. Fox Theatre.

We would like to inform you that, due to the Coronavirus situation, Vancouver Cantonese Opera decided to cancel the 2020 Cantonese Opera Festival. As the majority of our audiences are senior citizens, they are not willing to commit themselves in buying the tickets for our event in May.

As a non-profit and charitable society, we do not have surplus to cover any deficit due to low box office income. As a result, our Board of Directors decided to cancel the 2020 Cantonese Opera Festival and will reschedule it in 2021.

We are returning to you the \$3,500 cheque (void). We would really appreciate it if you could acknowledge receipt of this cheque via email [vancanopera@gmail.com](mailto:vancanopera@gmail.com).

We thank you very much for your support and will apply to the City of Burnaby again in 2021.

Yours truly,

Rosa Cheng  
Artistic Director