

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
FROM: COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
SUBJECT: **CHINESE CANADIAN RECONCILIATION PROCESS TRAINING SESSION**
PURPOSE: To seek approval to provide a joint training session on the Chinese Canadian Reconciliation process.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT staff be authorized to provide a joint training session for the Community Heritage Commission and Social Planning Committee in fall 2024 to provide information on the Chinese Canadian Reconciliation process, as outlined in the report titled “Chinese Canadian Reconciliation Process Training Session” dated September 25, 2023.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

Burnaby City Council, at its meeting held on February 27, 2023, authorized implementation of a framework to review, acknowledge, and apologize for its historic discrimination against people of Chinese descent, with the goal of advancing reconciliation with the Chinese Canadian community.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The Community Heritage Commission (CHC), at its meeting held on August 24, 2023, received a memorandum (Attachment 1) providing updates on heritage initiatives advanced through the CHC, which included an update on the Chinese Canadian Reconciliation process.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Commission noted the importance of this reconciliation work and commemorating the centenary of the Chinese Exclusion Act, and requested that staff provide an opportunity to engage the members of CHC, and the Social Planning Committee (SPC) that is engaged in related anti-racism work, on the process. The session should take place in the fall of 2024, after the community consultations have been completed.

Arising from discussion, the Commission adopted a resolution to recommend Council authorize a joint training session in the fall of 2024 to members of CHC and SPC.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Staff will coordinate the training session and invite members of the Community Heritage Commission and Social Planning Committee.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funding for the joint training session is available in the Boards, Committees and Commission's 2024 operating budget.

On behalf of the Community Heritage Commission,

Councillor Daniel Tetrault, Chair

Councillor Richard Lee, Vice Chair

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Heritage Program Updates

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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