

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: NOM: TOUR OF THE CHINESE CANADIAN MUSEUM

RECOMMENDATION:

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THAT an expenditure of up to \$3,900 be allocated from the Advisory Bodies and Boards budget for the event.

REPORT

The Community Heritage Commission, at its meeting held on February 15, 2024, received and adopted the attached Notice of Motion (NOM) seeking approval to organize a tour of the Chinese Canadian Museum and host a reception for City volunteers and stakeholders engaged in Chinese Canadian history research and commemoration.

On behalf of the Community Heritage
Commission,

Councillor D. Tetrault
Chair

Councillor R. Lee
Vice Chair

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS

FROM: MAYOR HURLEY & COUNCILLOR TETRAULT

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BACKGROUND

At its meeting on June 24, 2019, Council approved a recommendation from the Community Heritage Commission to undertake a multi-year project to research the history of Chinese Canadian contributions to the development of Burnaby. One of the outcomes of the project was the publication of *Rooted: Chinese Canadian Stories in Burnaby*, which features community oral histories, photographs and stories of Chinese Canadians in Burnaby.

The book was presented to the Chinese Canadian Museum by Mayor Mike Hurley on February 5, 2024, while visiting their feature exhibition: The Paper Trail to the 1923 Chinese Exclusion Act. The exhibition commemorates 100 years since the passing of the *Chinese Immigration Act of 1923*, also known as the Chinese Exclusion Act in Canada.

Mayor Hurley expressed it would be a great opportunity for Council, members of the Community Heritage Commission, and other City volunteers and stakeholders previously and currently engaged in Chinese Canadian history research and commemoration to tour the exhibition.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The estimated cost for the event is summarized in the table below.

Estimated Cost	
After-hours Private Tour	\$400
Room Rental for Reception	\$1,000
Catering for 50 people	<u>\$2,500</u>
Total	\$3,900

Sufficient funding is available in the 2024 Advisory Bodies and Boards budget.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYOR HURLEY AND COUNCILLOR TETRAULT