

October 7, 2011

CITY OF VANCOUVER
453 West 12 Avenue
Vancouver, B.C.
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Attn.: His Worship, Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vancouver City Councillors

Dear Sirs or Madams:

Re: Request for City Council's Adoption of the Chinatown Plan

At the last board meeting of the Vancouver Chinatown Revitalization Committee, a motion was passed directing me to send a letter to Mayor and Council requesting that the Chinatown Plan prepared by City staff be brought before Council for adoption.

The report has been part of a process started over ten years ago as a result of the Chinatown Vision in a broad base community effort to revitalize Chinatown's cultural and economic identity. Another component in the revitalization of Chinatown is the conservation of its historic heritage resource.

Although components of the Chinatown Plan have been implemented over the years, its adoption is important in two aspects. Symbolically it binds the community's efforts and recognizes the balance of diverse interests. Secondly, it provides a base for ongoing consultation within Chinatown and future community outreach.

The timing of our request is important because the current Council has been a strong supporter and intimately involved in the work of Chinatown. The recognition of the Chinatown Plan should be a part of its legacy.

Therefore we respectfully request your consideration in having the Chinatown Plan presented to Council for adoption while the current Council is sitting.

Yours truly,

Vancouver Chinatown Revitalization Committee

Henry Tom, Chair