



MOTION ON NOTICE

Public Art Gift to Honour Chinese People in Vancouver

MOVER: Commissioner Kirby-Yung

WHEREAS:

1. At the November 1, 2017 Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities, City Council unanimously approved the Report titled: "Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver" including the following key actions:
 - i. Adoption of the "Preliminary Research on Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver" report that provides context and background for the initiative;
 - ii. A request for a public acknowledgement and a formal apology for past legislation, regulations and policies of previous Vancouver City Councils that discriminated against residents of Chinese descent;
2. Recommendation #2 in the Historical Discrimination Report aims to Strengthen Relations with the Chinese Canadian Community through Legacy Actions that can confirm the values of a just and inclusive community;
3. The Vancouver Park Board values and celebrates public art in parks and the richness and joy it adds to our spaces. This commitment has been demonstrated through the successful partnership with the Vancouver Biennale, acceptance of a monument to recognize Irish Canadians that will be placed in George Wainborn Park, and the installation of the Survivors Pole in Pigeon Park honouring our Indigenous peoples;
4. An engaged group of residents of Chinese heritage have come together with the goal of creating a legacy action through the funding, creation and installation of a public art project in a Vancouver park that positively recognizes the contributions of Chinese people to the history, fabric, success and diversity of our city;
5. The group have formed the Chinese Immigrant Charity Reconciliation Monument Committee comprised of directors: Zaixin Ma (Chair), Allan Guo, Allen Ip, Azhong Chen, Qiqi Hong, Yuan Zheng Chu, Johnny Fong, Nenghui Zhong and Ken Low who are all community leaders and supporters, and have secured the necessary funding to proceed with such a project;
6. Additionally, forming community groups include the Chinese Career Development Association of Canada, Quanzhou Friendship Society of Canada, Vancouver FuQing Friendship Society of Canada, Community Care & Advancement Association of Canada, Canada Dongguan (Americas) General Business Association, Canada Alumni Association of Peking University HSBC Business School and the Canada Chinese Investors & Entrepreneurs Association; and



7. Acceptance of funding to support the creation of a public art monument installation in a Vancouver park in partnership with Vancouver's Chinese community is a timely and significant gift opportunity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to move forward to accept the proposed public art gift and funding from the Chinese Immigrant Charity Reconciliation Monument Committee for the installation of a monument to be sited in a Vancouver park to honour the history and contributions of the Chinese people in Vancouver;
- B. THAT staff work with the Committee on monument design and siting options;
- C. THAT staff complete the normal public consultation process that accompanies a gift and art installation of this nature; and
- D. THAT staff bring the final siting and design recommendation back to the Board as soon as practicably possible to support the 2018 work underway in reconciliation of the "Historical Discrimination Against Chinese People in Vancouver".