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Sent via email: TRD.Minister@gov.bc.ca

June 22, 2021

The Honourable George Chow, M.L.A.  
Minister of State for Trade

Dear Minister,

Re: Chinese Canadian Museum

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On June 14, 2021, Saanich Council considered a Report to Council and resolved as follows:

*“That Council direct Mayor Haynes to write on behalf of Council to the City of Victoria, the Provincial Government and the Victoria Chinatown Museum Society to see how Saanich could be involved in supporting the creation of a Chinese Canadian Museum in Victoria.”*

The City of Victoria is known to have the oldest Chinatown in Canada. In parallel, Saanich is home to one of the largest Chinese populations in the region, and has a long history of contribution in agriculture and business in the Chinese community. Saanich would like to know how to be involved in supporting the creation of a Chinese Canadian Museum in Victoria.

A link to the memo from the June 14 meeting can be found [here](#). The meeting minutes are available [here](#) on our website.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Haynes'.

Fred Haynes  
Mayor

c:  
District of Saanich Council  
City of Victoria Mayor & Council  
Saanich Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee



July 2, 2021

Mayor Fred Haynes  
The Corporation of the District of Saanich  
770 Vernon Avenue  
Victoria BC V8X 2W7

Dear Mayor Haynes,

On behalf of the City of Victoria, thank you for your letter dated June 22, 2021 regarding the creation of a Chinese Canadian Museum in Victoria. I appreciate your support for this meaningful project.

I understand you have already met with Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe who is leading this initiative. We look forward to finding a way for Saanich to participate.

Please continue to coordinate with Councillor Thornton-Joe as the process unfolds. I am also available should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa Helps  
Victoria Mayor

*The City of Victoria recognizes the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations in whose traditional territories we live and work "Hay swx qa"*