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August 16, 2021

His Worship Mayor Fred Haynes
District of Saanich
Email: mayor@saanich.ca

Dear Mayor Haynes:

Thank you for your letter of June 17, 2021, regarding how the District of Saanich might support the creation of a Chinese Canadian Museum in Victoria. This is a project that I am very passionate about and I am thrilled that Saanich wants to be involved. The Chinese Canadian Museum in Vancouver's historic Chinatown will be the first museum in Canada dedicated to sharing the stories of perseverance and success of Chinese Canadians.

The Chinese Canadian Museum Society of British Columbia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Victoria Chinatown Museum Society in July 2020 to establish a regional hub in Victoria. The Victoria Chinatown Museum Society is now leading this work under the direction of its Chair, Alan Lowe. I suggest you reach out to the Victoria Chinatown Museum Society directly to engage in further conversation around how the District of Saanich might support this work.

Thank you for your interest and willingness in supporting this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie Mark".

Melanie Mark
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Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport