

Chinese Canadian Museum Working Group Members

The Chinese-Canadian Museum Working Group provides information, input and advice into community consultation and the establishment of a Chinese-Canadian Museum in BC. The working group is comprised of individuals possessing significant expertise and experience related to the Chinese-Canadian community and related matters. Members are appointed by the Minister of State for Trade.

The following are the members of the Working Group:

John Adams (亚当士约翰) – Historian and Author

BA (UBC history), M. of Museum Studies (U of Toronto). From 1974-2004: museum and historic site curatorship and management (Burnaby Village Museum, Royal BC Museum, Heritage Branch), teaching museum studies (SFU and UVic). From 2000-present: owner/operator of Discover the Past in Victoria (historical research, writing and tours). Author of six books, including “Chinese Victoria” (anticipated 2019 publication). Former president of BC Museums Association (1978-79), Victoria Historical Society (1988-90), Old Cemeteries Society (1990-1997).

Wendy Au (區韻宜) – Retired June 2018. Former Assistance City Manager, City of Vancouver

Provided leadership on the City of Vancouver Reconciliation initiative, Canada 150+, the Historical Discrimination Against Chinese people as well as the Vancouver Agreement (2000-2010 an intergovernmental agreement focusing on DTES, Chinatown and Gastown), Board of Directors on Vancouver Coastal Health (present. Board of Governors on Law Foundation, Board of Directors on College of Practical Nurses, Citizenship and Immigration Canada; BC and Yukon Advisory Committee member

Thomas Chan – Chartered Accountant

Thomas Chan has been a Chartered Accountant since 1986 and has practised exclusively in Victoria from the start of his career in 1981 with Touche Ross & Co. After leaving Touche Ross in 1989, Mr. Chan continued his professional development with Crawford, Patterson and Campbell before starting the firm Chan & Wong in 1991. In 2008, Mr. Chan formed his present firm, Chan & Associates. He has extensive knowledge in all facets of accounting and tax for profit-oriented businesses and audits of not-for-profit organizations. Mr. Chan has been very active in the Chinese Community in Victoria and throughout Canada. Mr. Chan presently is the national president of the Dart Coon Club and president of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. He has experience in bridging communities of different cultures proven by his various invitations by the Government of China and Guangdong Province to attend special functions and make presentations and introductions regarding business opportunities

Tung Chan (陳志勳) – Retired. Former Board Chair, Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, Former CEO, S.U.C.C.E.S.S., Former Councillor, City of Vancouver

Tung Chan, an Honorary Captain of the Royal Canadian Navy, is the former Chair of the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. He is currently a board member of the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education and a member of the B.C. and Yukon Provincial Advisory Committee of the Canadian Red Cross. From 2006 to 2010, Tung was the Chief Executive Officer of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. In 2002 and 2012, Tung was awarded the Queen’s Golden and

Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his contribution to the community. In July 2014, Tung was invested into the Order of British Columbia in recognition of his community leadership.

Christina Chang (張健理) – President / Hanyin Education Group, Commissioner / Ministry of the Justice, Quebec

Aside from the education business and notary public, the key roles Christina played earlier in the communities were the Presidents of Taiwan Chambers of Commerce both in BC and Canada. Christina now is the President of Taiwan Association for Future Leaders (TAFL). TAFL is a non-profit organization under Hanyin Education Group, its mission is to help youth grow as an individual and build transferable skills in forms of leadership and teamwork.

Winnie Cheung (張麗玲)- Principal researcher, Writer & Consultant

A founding member of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC, Winnie has played a leading role in the Laurier Institution, the Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society and co-founded the PCHC-Museum of Migration Society. She has been instrumental in the successful mounting of exhibitions (e.g. Ing Association 100th Anniversary), oral history projects (e.g. Strathcona/Block by Block) and research projects on Chinese Canadian and Pacific Canada History (e.g. Wooden Fish Songs & Chinatown Soundscape).

June Chow (周慕慈) – Co-founder, Youth Collaborative for Chinatown

June Chow is a second-generation, Cantonese-speaking Chinese Canadian of Hoy Ping (Kaiping) heritage serving on the Premier's Chinese Canadian Community Advisory Committee. She works as a community consultant for projects in and impacting Vancouver Chinatown, and previously, in external relations at UBC. June is a third-term Director of the Hoy Ping Benevolent Association 全加開平總會館 and co-founder of the Youth Collaborative for Chinatown 青心在唐人街.

Guo Ding (丁果) – Journalist, Producer of Mandarin news program at Omni BC

Guo Ding is currently a producer and host for Omni BC. Previously, he worked for several news media including Channel M, Talentvision TV (Vancouver), Mingpao Daily. Ding is the founding president of Canada Committee 100 Society, previously served as a board director for S.U.C.C.E.S.S, Mr. Ding holds his Bachelor of Arts from Shanghai Normal University and his Master of Arts from Rikkyo University, Japan. Ding is the author of books about Chinese immigration history in Canada. Ding has received several awards, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Jack Webster Award for journalism.

Kevin Huang (黃儀軒) – Executive Director & Co-Founder, hua foundation

Kevin is the executive director of hua foundation, an organization with the mission of empowering youth in the Asian-diaspora to fully participate in advancing social change through exploring racialized identities and building resilience in communities. His work has ranged from scaling culturally-sensitive conservation strategies, advancing policies to address inclusion and cultural equity, to organizing Chinese Canadian youth to reclaim their cultural identities. He serves on committees with Vancity, Vancouver Foundation, and the City of Vancouver.

C George Ing (吳英超) – LCol Canadian Forces (Retired)

George Ing was born in Victoria BC where he joined the RCAF as a Private and retired 32 years later as a LCol. He holds BSc and MEng/MBA degrees. During his military career he was twice a Commanding Officer and represented Canada on NATO committees. On retirement he

managed a large DND electronic project, acted as a consultant to local businesses and was a section head for the Business Development Bank. He has been an executive on numerous local business and charitable organizations and continues to serve Chinese Canadian Veterans.

Elizabeth Lominska Johnson, PhD – Curator, Asia and Textiles, UBC Museum of Anthropology (retired)

Elizabeth Johnson studied anthropology and spoken Cantonese at Cornell University, preparing her for research in Hong Kong. This continued as possible until 2014, and resulted in a book to be published next year. She was a member of the Saltwater City exhibit team (1986) and CHAPC. She has worked with Cantonese opera associations in Vancouver and Richmond, curating an exhibition that opened in 1993 at the UBC Museum of Anthropology.

Winnie Lee (李敏琪) – Director of Operations, Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA)

Winnie has worked in the immigrant and refugee sector for the last 20 years. She immigrated from Hong Kong and has firsthand experience of the Canadian immigration process. Winnie holds a degree in Pacific and Asian Studies from the UVic. Winnie is currently the Co-Chair of the Premier's Chinese Canadian Community Advisory Council. Her work in the community has included being the past President for the Victoria Chinatown Lioness as well as Volunteer Victoria. She has sat on numerous boards and committees. She is a member of the Lee Association in Victoria.

Imogene Lim (林慕珍) – Professor, Anthropology, Vancouver Island University

A descendant of Cumberland and Vancouver's Chinatown, Dr. Lim is a founding member of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC and a former Board Member. With the BC Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council, she worked on the Historic Sites and Celebration book projects. Her expertise on Chinese Canadian communities and collaboration with museums is reflected in the exhibit, 150 Years and Counting: Fighting for Justice on the Coast (2017), which she co-developed.

Alan Lowe (劉志強) – Architect – Alan Lowe Architect Inc., Former Mayor of Victoria (1999-2008)

Born and raised in Victoria, lived in Canada's oldest Chinatown until the age of 3. Parents immigrated to Canada in 1957 from Zhongshan. Paternal and maternal grandfathers immigrated to Canada in early 1900s while paying the head tax. Has sat as President, Hook Sin Tong Society, Former Director of Victoria Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Ass'n, Founding member of Victoria Chinese Commerce Association, Life member of Victoria Chinatown Care Centre and Former member of Victoria Chinatown Lion's Club.

William Ma (馬威廉)

In the early 1970s, he founded factory specializing in outer-wear garments exporting to North America. In 1981, he became one of the first groups of Hong Kong investors to establish factories in Guangzhou while establishing close relationship with the Guangdong Board of Trade. Ma Immigrated to Vancouver in 1993 and founded two trading companies. He has been investing in commercial properties and importing garments from China. Presently, Ma is serving as actively on boards of numerous community in Vancouver.

Ma was successful in an effort to designate Vancouver Chinatown as a National Heritage Site as a Proponent of the National/World Heritage Site Designation Committee.

**Fred Mah (馬清石) – Retired, Most recent job: Division Head, Ecosystem Planning
Division Environment Canada**

Volunteer in Vancouver Chinatown for many years. Founding board member of many organizations including Chinese Cultural Centre, Chinese Canadian Historical Society, Vancouver International Dragon Boat Festival Society, Chinatown Revitalization Committee and Chinatown Society Heritage Buildings Association. Served in executive positions in many of these organizations. As Chair of the Planning Group for the Chinatown Revitalization Committee proposed that part of Chinatown be designated as a National Historic Site and eventually apply for UNESCO World Heritage Site status.

Harris Niu (牛華) – President, Canadian Community Services Association

Hua (Harris) Niu, whose ancestral home in Xuchang, Henan, China, has a Bachelor of petroleum engineering and an MBA. After graduating from university, he engaged in oil technology and information management in Daqing oil field. After immigrating to Canada in 2000, he established two wineries in Metro Vancouver. Mr. Niu is committed to promoting and supporting the cultural exchange between Canada and China. He is the President of the Canadian Community Service Association since December 2017. As the key organizer and executive, he has organized a series of major events to promote the Chinese culture in Canada, such as the Spring Festival Gala of Vancouver from 2002 to 2018, the Chinese Culture Heritage Festival, the Vancouver Water-Splashing Festival from 2009 to 2018, and the “Glory of Chinese” Award Ceremony for the 150th Anniversary of Canada.

Hayne Wai (韋業慶) – Retired, former Sessional Instructor, UBC

Hayne has been involved in Chinatown/Chinese Canadian issues for over forty years. He is a founding board member and past president of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC, and has served on the board of the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Classical Chinese Garden and the Chinese Cultural Centre. He has worked for the federal and provincial governments and as a sessional instructor Faculty of Education, UBC.

Kory Wilson – Executive Director, Indigenous Initiatives and Partnerships at BCIT

Kory is Kwakwaka'wakw. She is Chair of the National Indigenous Education Committee of Colleges and Institutions Canada and has over 20 years of experience in post-secondary education, community development, and the legal profession. She has a deep commitment to education and has dedicated her working life to ensuring that under-represented learners succeed, both within learning institutions and the larger community. Good governance and supporting communities to move towards self-government is a passion. Innovative and creative solutions are needed to move Reconciliation into ReconciliACTION.

Devon Wong (黃韻儀) – Communications Consultant and Storyteller

Devon is an award-winning media producer with international experience in digital, news and television production. She has told stories from the field as a journalist and filmmaker with the United Nations, in addition to producing television documentaries for major networks including National Geographic, Discovery Channel, and Channel NewsAsia. She is currently one of the first female directors elected at the Wong's Benevolent Association, where her late grandfather served as headmaster of Mon Keang school.

**Grace Wong (黃麗珠) – Senior Advisor International, Office of Provost and Vice-President
Academic, the University of British Columbia**

Senior Advisor International at UBC; Previously Assistant Dean International at the Sauder School of Business, UBC. Extensive experience working with partners in other countries and developing a variety of international programs. Recently served as the Chair of the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Board of Directors, and member of the Independent Commission on Mobility Pricing. Previously was on the British Columbia Premier's Asia Pacific Trade Council, the BC Immigration Task Force, the BC Expert Panel on Business Taxation, and the Board of Directors of the UBC Alumni Association.

Bill Yee (余宏榮) – Retired provincial court judge

Bill Yee is currently a non-active member of the B. C. Law Society with a Q. C. designation. He has served in the Vancouver Chinese Canadian community for many decades including as past president of Chinese Benevolent Association, Vice-Chairman of Chinese Cultural Centre, Founding board member of S.U.C.C.E.S.S., Executive Chairman of National Congress of Chinese Canadians, National Chairman of the Yee Fong Toy Association, Vancouver City Councillor from 1982 to 1986, Member of the Vancouver Police Board 1992-1997, Board member of B. C. Hydro 1997-1999, Honorary Citizen of Guangzhou.

