VISION AND GOALS

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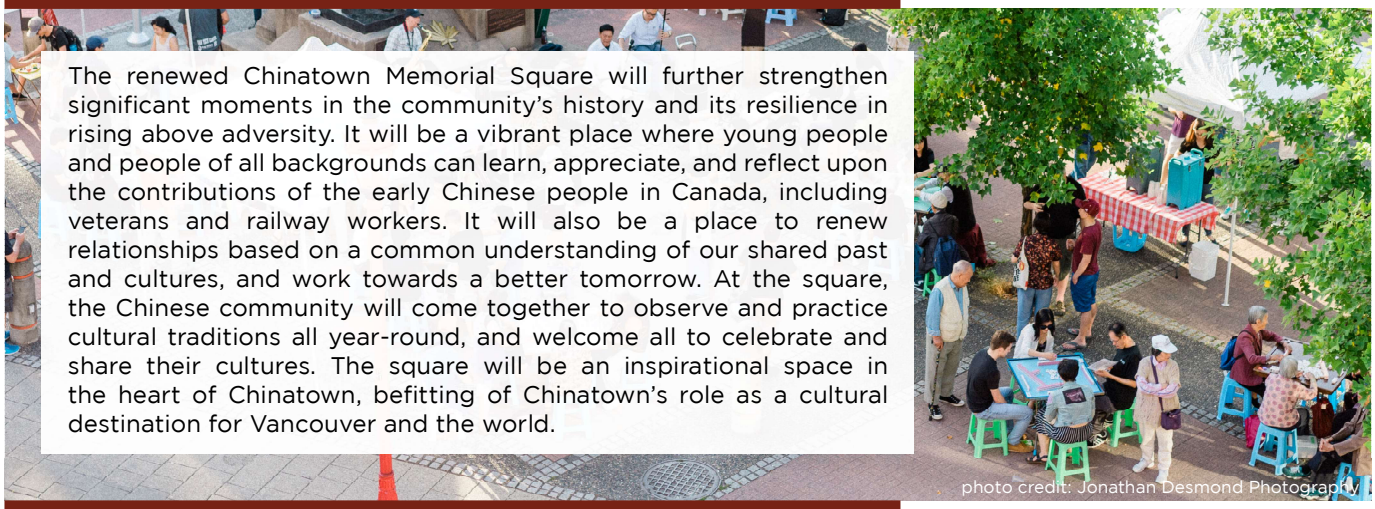

The renewed Chinatown Memorial Square will further strengthen significant moments in the community's history and its resilience in rising above adversity. It will be a vibrant place where young people and people of all backgrounds can learn, appreciate, and reflect upon the contributions of the early Chinese people in Canada, including veterans and railway workers. It will also be a place to renew relationships based on a common understanding of our shared past and cultures, and work towards a better tomorrow. At the square, the Chinese community will come together to observe and practice cultural traditions all year-round, and welcome all to celebrate and share their cultures. The square will be an inspirational space in the heart of Chinatown, befitting of Chinatown's role as a cultural destination for Vancouver and the world.

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DRAFT GOALS

Draft GOAL 1

Enhance Memorial Square as a special place that honours and commemorates the contributions of Chinese Canadians, including veterans and railway workers; celebrates Chinatown's rich culture and living heritage; and provides opportunities to learn about Chinatown's past and practice cultural traditions.

WHAT WE HEARD

64% of responses indicated future interest in using the square to honor Chinese Canadian contributions, celebrate culture, and attend special events and festivals.

Draft GOAL 2

Create a safe, accessible, inclusive and welcoming space for visitors and residents that allows for a range of cultural programming and activities throughout the year, taking into particular consideration the needs of Chinese seniors.

WHAT WE HEARD

"Making the square culturally appropriate for Chinese seniors and accessible for all ages and backgrounds" was the most supported statement out of the options provided.

Draft GOAL 3

Enhance the square's prominence in the heart of Chinatown and its connection to adjacent cultural assets and Andy Livingstone Park and its redesign.

WHAT WE HEARD

83% of survey respondents supported increasing the size of the square while improving the pedestrian crossings on Keefer St. and Columbia St.

Draft GOAL 4

Provide recommendations on the future stewardship of the space.

WHAT WE HEARD

53% of respondents see themselves using the square in the future in events and festivals

Draft GOAL 5

Continue to facilitate access into, through, and around the project area for people walking or using assistive devices, cycling, and driving.

WHAT WE HEARD

40% of survey respondents travel to Memorial Square primarily by walking, while 29% travel by car and 21% take transit.

Draft GOAL 6

Ensure the local transportation network continues to enable goods movement, reliable transit and access for emergency vehicles.

WHAT WE HEARD

23% of respondents said the thing they like the most about the square is the location - close to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden, Chinese Canadian Military Museum, restaurants, shops, etc.