



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

“Zhong Hua Men” Archway Project – Change in Project Partner

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To:	Economic Development Committee
From:	Donald G. Eastwood, General Manager Economic Development, Culture & Tourism
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Toronto “Zhong Hua Men” Archway Organizing Committee to be designated as the project partner for the “Zhong Hua Men” Archway project with the City, and to seek authority to enter into any necessary agreements with Toronto “Zhong Hua Men” Archway Organizing Committee for the completion of the archway project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism recommends that:

1. The appropriate City staff be authorized to negotiate with and enter into agreements with the Toronto “Zhong Hua Men” Archway Organizing Committee and, if necessary, The Toronto Parking Authority as owner of the land, setting out the Committee’s responsibilities in relation to the provision of materials for, and funding and maintenance of, the “Zhong Hua Men” Archway project.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Toronto City Council at its meeting on May 18, 19 and 20, 2004 adopted Clause No. 4 of Policy and Finance Report No. 4 which set out key elements of the partnership between the City and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce (East Toronto) Inc. for the

implementation of the “Zhong Hua Men” Archway project. “Phase I” of this project has been completed. Completion of “Phase II” of the project requires an agreement among the City, the Toronto “Zhong Hua Men” Archway Organizing Committee (the “Committee”) and if necessary, the Toronto Parking Authority (the “TPA”) as owner of the land, setting out the Committee’s responsibilities in relation to the provision of materials for, and funding and maintenance of, the archway, including the Committee’s obligation to provide a warranty for materials (stone and roof tiles sourced from China). A separate agreement may be required for the maintenance of a clock and thermometer that may be included on two sides of the archway.

In December of 2006 City staff was advised that the Committee would assume authority for the project on behalf of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. The Committee was incorporated in January 2002, and to date has been responsible for the project fundraising in the community.

COMMENTS

The fundraising for Phase II of the project has been completed and tendering for the construction will take place by the TPA, as owner of the land, in the spring of 2007. Because the materials are coming from China no warranty is available. While the City will be responsible for regular maintenance, the Committee is responsible for repairing and replacing any defective donated materials used in the construction of the archway. Therefore an agreement is required with the Committee outlining this group’s responsibility to ensure that the materials ordered and received are suitable and in good condition, and providing a warranty for the materials. The TPA, as owner of the land, should be a party to the agreement to grant access for maintenance purposes. This report is to advise Council of the change in the community partner organization and to seek authority to enter into any necessary agreements with the Committee for completion of the project.

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