

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM9.32	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Building the Chinatown Gates - by Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy**

- \* Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*
- \* This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*
- \* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

**Recommendations**

Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager of Economic Development to initiate a working group composed of staff from Transportation Services, the Toronto Transit Commission and Economic Development and Culture, to work with the Toronto Chinatown Gate Heritage Association on a feasibility and implementation strategy for the Chinatown Gates.
2. City Council direct that any cost implications of the feasibility study for the Chinatown Gates be considered as part of the 2020 budget process.

**Summary**

Toronto is home to a thriving, vibrant Chinatown in the heart of our downtown core. Every day, residents flock to this area to enjoy the authentic food and culture that this area offers.

Chinatown Gates serve as a major tourist attraction for cities worldwide. Serving as a gateway to our community, residents across the City and visitors alike will come to Chinatown to visit, shop and take pictures with the Chinatown Gate.

By starting this process with City staff, we may see how we can bring this project to life, in concert with members of the Chinese community who are eager to participate.

**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM9.32