



NOTICE OF MOTION

Exploring Public Realm Improvements in Chinatown

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Malik

Seconded by: Councillor Saxe

SUMMARY

The Chinatown Centre mall is an important part of Toronto's cultural landscape, serving people across Toronto and attracting large numbers of tourists and local residents to visit. Chinese-Canadian property owners and architects, such as Louis Yip and Michael HK Wong introduced some of the earliest mixed-use high-rise development in the city, such as Chinatown Centre and Dragon City Mall. The Chinatown retail character that exists is a rich layering of signage in Chinese and English languages as well as, small businesses, cultural spaces and street vendors.

As part of the Chinatown Planning Framework, recognizing a vision for the future of Chinatown to continue to be a meeting place for many nations, a refuge for all, and home for Chinese-Canadian identity could be enabled through the City's support for this motion.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. City Council direct General Manager Economic Development in consultation with General Manager of Transportation Services and any relevant divisions, community stakeholders and the local councillor to explore improvements to the 222 Spadina Chinatown Centre mall plaza, including historical statue, building frontage, and additional seating, litter receptacles, public artwork and other planting additions.

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