



Federation of Chinese Canadian in Markham

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Dear Council Member,

Taste of Asia is among Canada's largest Asian festivals.

We are a non-profit annual street festival attracting over 180,000 attendees each year. Our events include exotic food vendors, live performances from Asian entertainment celebrities and a variety of community events including sports tournaments and hot sauce tastings.

Our attendees come from across the Greater Toronto Area and represent the diverse multicultural population that comprises our region. We also attract tourists from across Canada and increasingly from Asia as well. We are proud to generate significant economic benefits for our region.

The Chinese community is a key part of the Taste of Asia Festival. We feature many styles of Chinese cuisines from Cantonese to spicy Sichuanese. We feature Chinese music and art and crafts as part of our displays. The support of the Chinese community which numbers more than 700,000 people in the region has helped the Taste of Asia Festival grow.

The Festival wishes to applaud Council for its efforts to recognize the contributions of the Chinese in city limits and through the region. We take note of Councillor Cheng's motion calling on the Government of Canada to declare every February as Canadian Chinese Heritage Month. That is a demand that the Chinese population has made for a long time without action from Parliament.

The motion also asks that the City Council affirm its commitment to recognizing and celebrating Chinese Heritage Month annually and to supporting initiatives that promote cultural understanding, inclusion, and community engagement across Toronto. That represents a concrete gain for Chinese Canadians as Canada's largest city commits to celebrating the heritage month.

We invite all Council members to join us June 26 to 28 for the 2026 edition of the Taste of Asia Festival at Kennedy Road and Steeles Avenue East. A separate invitation will follow for each Council member. Once again, please accept our gratitude for your support of this motion.

Yours truly,



Dr. Ken Ng
Chairman