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Statement From Mayor Helps on Establishment of a Chinese Canadian Museum Exhibition Space in Victoria

VICTORIA, BC — Mayor Lisa Helps made the following statement today on the establishment of a Chinese Canadian Museum exhibition space in Victoria:

“I would like to thank the provincial government for working with the City of Victoria and the Chinese Canadian community to support the development of the Chinese Canadian Museum’s temporary exhibition space in Victoria, including the recent announcement of \$27.5 million for the Museum’s new permanent home in Vancouver Chinatown.

“Victoria is home of the oldest Chinatown in Canada and has a strong and diverse Chinese community with a rich and deep history. Members of the Chinese community have been leaders in arts, culture, business and politics, sometimes needing to overcome discrimination and racism to do so. The establishment of a temporary exhibition space by the Chinese Canadian Museum in Fan Tan Alley in Chinatown will enable Victorians and visitors alike to learn about the history and lived experiences of Victoria’s Chinese community.

“I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and leadership of former Mayor Alan Lowe and Chair of the Victoria Chinatown Museum Society. The tireless work of Lowe and the volunteer board members working with the Chinese Canadian Museum, with support from the provincial government has helped to achieve this significant and important milestone in our community.”

The Chinese Canadian Museum Society of British Columbia, in cooperation with the Victoria Chinatown Museum Society and supported by the Province of British Columbia, is presenting *First Steps: Chinese Canadian Journeys in Victoria* and the *Gold Mountain Dream!* exhibitions at 10 - 14 Fan Tan Alley, the narrowest street in Canada where Chinese pioneers once gathered. The exhibitions will open on February 18 and run until the end of September.

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