

Message from the Board

by Pamela Simpson

Sien Lok Park Redevelopment

In 1982, Sien Lok embarked on a long term project to see the preservation and development of Calgary Chinatown's only large public green space as Sien Lok Park. Over the years, several elements that express the history of the Chinese Canadian experience have been installed in the park. With the celebration of Chinatown's centenary, the City of Calgary designated a portion of its Chinatown Centennial Celebration budget to facilitate community engagement for the redevelopment of Sien Lok Park.

The City of Calgary engaged Scatliff + Miller + Murray Landscape Architects and Planners and HVH Urban Planning & Design Inc. to carry out the redevelopment plan.

The goal of this project is the preparation and approval of a sustainable long-range plan and vision for Sien Lok Park. By consulting key stakeholders and citizens, this plan aims to preserve, enhance and celebrate Chinatown's public green space as a symbol and legacy for all Calgarians to enjoy.

It all started with a pre-planning meeting April 15, 2011. A Project Support Group was recruited by the City of Calgary which includes Ray Lee, Pamela Simpson and Thomas To of Sien Lok Society, Jim Wong of Calgary Chinese Community Services Association (CCCSA), Lisa Chan of Calgary Chinese Elderly Seniors Association (CCCESA), Jake Louie of Chinese Cultural Centre, Ken Lee of Chinatown Merchant Association, Lyn Chow of United Chinese Community Association (UCCA,) and Kathleen Ng of Wing Kei Care Centre. The City is represented by Keath Parker & Adrian van Gorp.

Over the past three months, significant progress has been made on the redesign plans. The representatives of the Support Group have brought the ideas, wishes, issues and concerns of its representative organizations to the table.

Now is the time to have your opinion heard. On **Saturday, August 13**, the City of Calgary, Scatliff + Miller + Murray Landscape Architects, Planners and HVH Urban Planning & Design Inc., and members of the Support Group will be present during the **Chinatown Street Festival** to show you the current Preliminary Master Plan concept and solicit your feedback. The Chinatown Street Festival is on Saturday, August 13, 2011, on 3 Avenue and First Street SE between Riverfront Avenue and 4 Avenue. The festival starts at 10:00 a.m.

Your opinion is important. Please join members of the Project Support Group and the City of Calgary at the Chinatown Street Festival where a tent will be set up for you to view and comment on the Preliminary Master Plan concept for Sien Lok Park. As well, from Aug. 13-26, you will be able to learn more about the project and provide your comments online at: www.calgary.ca/parks.

Please do not miss this opportunity to be involved and have your voice heard.

Casino Volunteers Needed

by Cori Louis-Smith

It's that time of year again for our big money making venture for Sien Lok!!

We have our casino booked for **December 23** and **December 24, 2011**. I know it is Christmas Eve, but we only have to work until 6:00 PM and we still split all the proceeds from the quarter evenly.

Cash Casino on Blackfoot Trail is the location of the upcoming casino.

If you are interested in volunteering for this very fun event, please contact me, Cori Louis-Smith by email: smithdcj@shaw.ca or by telephone at 403-256-5687 or 403-660-6653.

Sien Lok in the News

by Mary Yuen-Sears

**Friday, June 17, 2011 from 12-12:30pm
Fairchild Radio FM 947 Interview**

Mary Yuen-Sears, our Secretary/Director, was invited by radio host, "Forest" to talk about the Re-design plan for Sien Lok Park. **David Tam** from CCCSA, a member of the Project Support Group, was also a guest speaker. Fairchild FM 947 is a multi-cultural radio station in Calgary. The interview was broadcast in Cantonese.

Although it is multi-cultural station, the Chinese speaking broadcast is majority compares with the other. Broadcasting is from 8 am to 4 pm and from 9 pm to midnight daily except Sunday.

As the majority of the Chinese speaking Calgarians listen to this station, it is an influential media.

Discussion covers the following:

1. The history of Sien Lok Society of Calgary
2. Sien Lok Park and how it was built and stories behind the structures in the Park
3. City of Calgary's redesign plan for Sien Lok Park. The Project Support Group headed by The City of Calgary, its funding, the time line and the status of the planning
4. How can the community help in this redesign project?

It was a great opportunity for Sien Lok to reach out to the Chinese community about the Park's past history and the future of the redesign Plan. We want to thank CCCSA for arranging this interview with the radio station.

Annual General Meeting

by Mary Yuen-Sears

Sien Lok Society of Calgary is planning its Annual General Meeting and dinner. Mark your calendars as this is a fun event that provides you with the opportunity to select our new board.

Date: October 19, 2011 Wednesday

Reception: 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

Place: Central Grand Restaurant
295, 1623 Centre Street NW

Cost: \$25.00/person (includes a 10 course dinner and annual Sien Lok membership)

Children under 10 are free.

Children age 10 to 16 is half price

We will provide you with a short business report with the highlights of our 2010-2011 events and how we contributed to our community.

Our Keynote speaker – Ms Anne Charlton, Director, Plan & Development Services – City of Calgary, will talk to us about the Redesign Plan of Sien Lok Park.

All members of the public are welcome! For further information or to purchase tickets to the event, please contact Catalina Cheung at 403.616.1333 or email catalinayl@yahoo.ca, or email to info@sienlok.org. Do not miss out this opportunity to socialize, eat and to enjoy an evening full of fun and a chance to win some prizes.

The deadline for purchase of tickets will be October 15, 2011 and will be sold on a first come first serve basis due to limited seating.

Volunteers Save the Date

by Van Tran

Please save the date: September 18, 2011

As an appreciation for all of those who volunteered their time and effort over the past year, our 2011 Sien Lok Volunteer Appreciation Event will take place on Sunday, September 18 from 10:30 to 3pm.

Invitations will be forthcoming



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BP2: To Edmonton and Back

By Kim Fung

Sien Lok Society's Builders & Patriots 2: A History of Calgary's Chinatown Photo Exhibit has returned home from a month's showing at the Alberta Legislature Building in Edmonton. BP2 was showcased in the Pedway Mall from May 1 through May 27, 2011, just in time for Asian Heritage Month. The exhibit was well received by visitors, and compliments of the exhibit's professionalism were offered.

We would first like to extend special thanks to Teresa Woo-Paw, MLA Calgary Mackay for making this opportunity possible for the Sien Lok Society of Calgary, and for also profiling BP2 to the Alberta Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Her statement is included at the end of this article.

Next, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our Past President, Robert Jim, and his brother Rick Jim (of Edmonton) for volunteering their assistance in

the travel and installation/dismantling arrangements. As well, we thank Rebecca McCance for the BP2 poster design.

Acknowledgment and thanks also go to Marissa Stepnisky, Marketing Coordinator, Visitor Services for working with us to ensure the overall success of the exhibition at the Alberta Legislature Building.

AMJ Campbell was contracted to move and ship our BP2 exhibit to and from Edmonton, and CI Display of Edmonton was contracted to set up and dismantle it at the venue.

As previously mentioned, we are always looking for venues to exhibit BP2. If you know of any spaces, please tell us! Send an e-mail through our website at www.sienlok.org or call 403.874.7572.

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Member's Statements

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay.

Asian Heritage Month

Ms. Woo-Paw: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize Asian Heritage Month in Alberta and across Canada. In 1998 the city of Edmonton was the first municipality in Canada to officially recognize Asian Heritage Month, with the province joining in on that recognition. I started the festival in Calgary in 2001, which in turn led to the government of Canada officially designating May as Asian Heritage Month in 2002.

Asian Heritage Month fosters appreciation for the contributions that have been and continue to be made to our country and to our province by Canadians of Asian descent since the mid-1800s. Through those contributions members of Alberta's Asian community have brought acclaim to this province and stand as role models for all Albertans, people like Canadian Football League hall of famer and former Lieutenant Governor the Hon. Norman Kwong, who was the first Chinese-Canadian to play in the Canadian Football League, and Alberta's first Lieutenant Governor of Asian descent, and people like award-winning playwright and author Marty Chan, who helped raise awareness through the arts about issues faced by Asian-Canadian youth growing up in rural Alberta.

I want to encourage Albertans to take part in Asian Heritage Month by experiencing and enjoying the rich and diverse cultural heritage of our Asian communities.

Our Legislature, through the support of the Speaker's office, is offering such opportunity with

a photo exhibit entitled Builders and Patriots: A History of Calgary's Chinatown. This collaborative project between the Sien Lok Society of Calgary and members of the broader Calgary community has been created by the community and for the community with a group of committed volunteers, and that just reflects the essence which has kept Chinatown alive to witness its 100th anniversary in 2010.

During Asian Heritage Month many events and activities will be taking place across the province, and I invite Albertans to join with me in the celebration.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Call for New Board Members

By Pamella Simpson

As a member of the Sien Lok Society of Calgary, you are invited to help us achieve our vision by volunteering on the Board of Directors. We are actively recruiting for the upcoming term commencing October 2011.

"Our vision is a community where lives are touched, enriched and refreshed through rich ties to our culturally diverse communities."

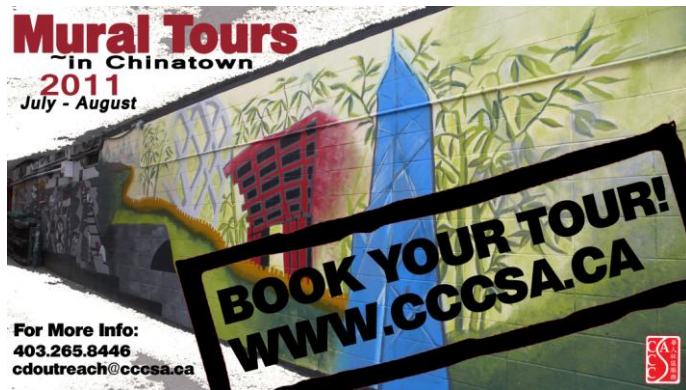
"To accomplish this, we perform cultural, preservation and promotional activities for those affected by or are interested in Canadian Chinese culture."

We hope that you share our values of cultural diversity, history preservation, cooperation, harmony and family. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in getting involved, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone, e-mail, or regular post.

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Community Events

By Sharon To



CCCSA (Calgary Chinese Community Services Association)

There is a new kind of tour in Chinatown and you are the first to be invited. The CCCSA is hosting the Chinatown Mural Tour this July and August. These tours originated from an anti-graffiti program that began in 2009 by placing beautiful artwork in graffiti stricken places. Each of the art pieces have their own unique style, theme and story to be told. Tours will be held on weekend. To book your tour, please visit this link to register. www.cccsa.ca

Tours are given by CCCSA youth volunteers.

Bow River Flow and Audio Mob YYC

The Bow River Flow route will include Sien Lok Park AND Audio Mob YYC will start at Sien Lok Park.

Both events will be held on Sunday, Aug 21, 2011. The Bow River Flow is from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Sien Lok Park (First Street and Riverfront Avenue S.W.)

The Bow River Flow is an urban festival of human-powered transportation that celebrates healthy and resilient communities. Through citizen-led programming that incorporates cycling culture, local music and art, a kid's zone, participatory processions, fitness activities, and an appreciation of the Bow River, this event inspires Calgarians to contribute to our dynamic city."

Audio Mob YYC - "Audio Mob **YYC** is an event that causes chaos and excitement in the great public spaces of **Calgary**. One part rally, one part party, one part mass mind control.

Event is held on Sunday, August 21, 2011 at 2:00 pm at Sien Lok Park

Ray Lee to be Honoured by Mount Royal University

Ray Lee, one of our founding directors, will be receiving the **Lifetime Distinguished Achievement Award** from Mount Royal University at its annual Legacy Awards Dinner. The Award recognizes an alumnus who has brought great honour to the university and fellow alumni through excellence in professional, community and/or personal endeavours.

The Legacy Awards Dinner is the annual Mount Royal University alumni recognition event, and this year it will be held on Thursday, Sep. 22 at the BMO Centre Palomino Room, Stampede Park. Event and ticket information can be found on the Legacy Awards website: <http://www.mtroyal.ca/AboutMountRoyal/Alumni/LegacyAwards/index.htm>