

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.

Yours sincerely,

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