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Legacy Initiative**

**Commemorative Monuments**

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*Note: This project plan is provided for information purposes only. The Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council will review this draft and provide feedback to Government.*

## 1. Project Description

This project plan addresses the Chinese Historical Wrongs Consultation Final Report recommendation that one or more plaques or monuments be created to commemorate the positive contribution of Chinese Canadians to B.C.'s history, culture and prosperity.

This project is the inspiration and product of the Chinese Historical Wrongs Consultation process, where many participants expressed a desire for a monument or monuments that will be a place to remember the contributions made to society, culture and business by Chinese pioneers. The Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council (Advisory Council) will review design and development proposals, potential site locations and other suggested activities to ensure suitability and to provide suggested community participation.

This project commitment to establish monument(s) comprises the following elements:

1. **Commemorative Monument(s)** – The Ministry of International Trade (MIT) will lead and manage a project to find a suitable site, design and appropriate inscriptions for a commemorative monument or monuments. MIT will manage this project directly with an estimated budget of \$100,000. Professional expertise will be contracted in the design, development and installation of a monument(s) consistent with project objectives.
2. **Exploring the possibility of a monument at the BC Legislature** - During the consultations, many participants felt that establishing a monument at the Legislature was a preferable location to raise awareness of the racist and discriminatory laws and policies in the early days of the Province. During the consultation, it was emphasized that the historical wrongs impacted many people (not only Chinese British Columbians) and if a monument was considered for the Legislature, it should recognize all historical wrongs, not just those experienced by Chinese pioneers. MIT will work with the office of the Speaker to explore the possibility and feasibility of establishing a monument at the Legislature.
3. **Private Contributions and Proposals** – MIT will also provide an opportunity to enable privately funded monuments consistent with historical wrong legacy objectives, and with overall support from community partners and the Advisory Council.

## 2. Project Objectives

The following are the objectives for the project:

1. To provide symbolic recognition to the contributions made by Chinese Canadians to British Columbia.
2. To demonstrate to the world that British Columbia is proud of its multicultural heritage.
3. To provide destinations that commemorate and creates awareness of historical wrongs.
4. In regard to the monument at the Legislature, to provide a tangible historical reminder to present day policy makers and legislators to eliminate institutional racism.

## 3. Project Scope

The scope of this project encompasses the following:

- Site selection
- Community engagement
- Monument design
- Fabrication and installation
- Communications

## 4. Project Plan

### 4.1 *Project Process*

The development of monuments will involve a managed process of planning and collaboration with partners including the Advisory Council, private donors and other levels of government. Appropriate community engagement will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The process will involve competitive procurement by MIT for professional design, fabrication and installation expertise.

MIT will work with the Design Advisory Council (DAC) at the Speaker's Office to determine whether or not a monument at the Legislature is feasible.

The following steps will be taken to develop monument(s) to meet the project objectives:

- Environmental scan of other and similar monuments in British Columbia and Canada.
- Develop a Qualifications-Based RFP to be posted on BC Bid.
- Evaluation of submissions and selection of successful proponent.
- Designing the monument - successful proponent will consult with the Advisory Council, and if applicable, the Speaker's Office to develop design options for consideration.

- Determining the appropriate location for a monument or monuments – The Advisory Council will be consulted to determine the best options for locations for a monument or monuments and the criteria by which the location will be chosen.

#### Private Donations and Proposals for Monuments

The following steps will be taken toward managing and administering private donations and proposals for monuments:

- Proposals will be received and reviewed by MIT staff for suitability and consistency with the objectives in this project plan.
- MIT will consult with the Advisory Council.

#### **4.2 Project Organization**

The organizational structure for this project is as follows:

**Project Sponsor:** Deputy Minister, MIT

**Project Advisors:** Advisory Council, DAC, Office of the Speaker (if required), Local government representatives.

**Project Team:** MIT Project Manager; successful proponent, Government Communications and Public Engagement, and members of the Advisory Council

#### **4.3 Project Components**

The following are the key activities/deliverables that need to be completed for the monument(s), and the organization that is responsible.

<b>Activity/Deliverable</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Selection of monument site	MIT
Review and advice for competition and evaluation tools	Advisory Council
Competition and evaluation tools finalized.	MIT
Announcement of competition	Government Communications and Public Engagement
Competition opens	MIT
Competition closes	MIT
Selection of successful proponent	MIT
Results of competition announced	Government Communications and Public Engagement
Design(s), detailed budget allocation and timeline approved.	MIT

Fabrication & installation of monument	Successful proponent
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## 5. Partner Involvement

A number of partners outside MIT will be engaged with this project. As the project progresses, additional partners may be identified.

Partner	Involvement
Successful proponent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide design for monument</li> <li>• Accept design specifications for monument and responsibility for building the monument</li> <li>• Accept installation specifications</li> <li>• Engineer and ready site for installation of monument</li> </ul>
Government Communications and Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist in external communications</li> <li>• Point of contact for any questions from the media or the public</li> </ul>
Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive project information and provide feedback</li> <li>• Provide information to and receive feedback from the Chinese Canadian community</li> <li>• Review monument design</li> </ul>
Speaker's Office and DAC (If required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate on finalizing a suitable location for the monument on the grounds of the Legislature and the design.</li> </ul>

## 6. Project Management

The MIT Project Manager is responsible for managing all aspects of the project including:

- maintaining the overall project plan and monitoring and recording progress;
- organizing and conducting project team status meetings;
- preparing project status reports for Advisory Council members and Project Sponsor;
- identifying issues and making recommendations to the Advisory Council and the Project Sponsor;
- providing quality assurance for all documents and deliverables.

The MIT Project Manager is responsible for project communications within the project teams and other project partners. This includes keeping the teams up-to-date with project plans and progress.