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Historical Sites and Artifacts Acquisition

Draft Project Plan

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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 for the identification and recognition of historical sites, artifacts and culturally important locations to commemorate the history of Chinese Canadians in British Columbia. This project has an estimated cost of \$175,000 and comprises three components:

- officially recognize places on both the B.C. Register of Historic Places and the Canadian Register of Historic Places (www.historicplaces.ca) that have significance to Chinese Canadians and outstanding provincial heritage value;
- a study that explores a rich cultural landscape of Chinese Canadian mining sites from the 1800s along the Fraser River system; and
- an exploration of the possibility of establishing a “seed” fund to assist with artifact acquisition with the primary intent of encouraging further awareness.

Historic Places is the result and inspiration of the Chinese Historical Wrongs Consultation, where many participants expressed the hope that Chinese Canadian cultural history could be preserved in perpetuity. Recognition of sites with historical significance to Chinese-Canadians will serve as an opportunity to celebrate British Columbia’s diversity, and recognize and acknowledge the contributions of Chinese Canadians in British Columbia – both past and present – to the prosperity and diversity of the province.

Historic Places involves working closely with the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Heritage Branch (FLNRO) to manage and evaluate the research content for this project. The contractor and UBC research will be responsible for the development of the deliverables with advisory support from the Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council (Advisory Council).

Fraser River Study is a study that will use available research, analytical and funding resources at two to five representative sites to develop a systematic approach to exploring some 500 sites spanning a distance of 600km of the Fraser and Quesnel Rivers from Hope to Quesnel. Some sites were significant for cultural collaboration and historical interaction between Chinese Canadians and First Nations.

The study’s exploration efforts will be environmentally and culturally sensitive. Research, analytical and scholarly work is expected to be completed by the end of the current year. Filming efforts are expected to be complete before 2016.

Artifacts Acquisition Fund will involve working closely with the Royal BC Museum (RBCM) and the RBCM Foundation to explore the possibility of establishing a governance and administration model for a fund to make purchases of artifacts under the strict criteria of the RBCM Collections Development Plan. The intent of the fund is to be for RBCM's use to acquire and preserve artifacts and archival records of cultural significance, and to add them to historical collections. This acquisition would occur under approval of the RBCM acquisitions committee, and in adherence to the governance and administration model for the fund.

The RBCM would make historical items available to the public as follows:

- identification through on-line collections catalogue;
- public access through approved on-site research visits;
- restricted access for exhibitions, programming or publications; and
- as loaned items for institutional borrowing.

2. Project Objectives

The following are the objectives for the project:

1. To identify and officially recognize sites in B.C. that are of historical significance to the Chinese Canadian community.
2. To identify and officially recognize sites that have outstanding provincial heritage value.
3. To celebrate Chinese Canadian achievement and early economic contributions to B.C.
4. To demonstrate tangibly that the Province respects Chinese Canadian history and the community's contribution to the province.
5. To explore and document the early historical relationship between Chinese Canadians and First Nations.

3. Project Scope

The scope of this project encompasses the following:

- Culturally or historically significant artifacts and archives related to Chinese Canadian history in the province along the Fraser River, between Hope and Quesnel, identified through historical records.
- Archaeological and heritage survey methodology.
- Evaluation procedures to determine heritage significance.
- Development of expert and scholarly Statements of Significance (SOS) which are a succinct means of expressing heritage value.
- Site recognition under the Heritage Conservation Act.
- Maps which overlay character-defining elements regarding use values with site locations.

- A written report which includes a context statement of the heritage values of the Fraser River and bibliography.
- Up to three promotional short films and education resources based on the research findings.
- Exploration of the Chinese Canadian experience and the relationship with First Nations - a neglected area of study.

4. Project Plan

4.1 Project Process

Historic Places - Heritage BC, a not for profit, charitable organization supporting heritage conservation across the province will be contracted to host the public interface (website) allowing members of the public to nominate potential sites. The Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia (CCHSBC) will assist in evaluating sites for historical significance.

Once sites are identified as promising, FLNRO will work with historical consultants to research and write Statements of Significance (SOS), a succinct document expressing heritage value, for inclusion on the provincial and national registry. Each selected site will be recognized with the installation of a plaque on or near the site, explaining its historical significance.

The Advisory Council will review sites that will be considered for recognition and advise Government. This project will recognize approximately 10 sites from across the province based on the existing budget.

Fraser River Study - The Ministry of International Trade (MIT) and its key partners -- the Department of History at UBC, and the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) Heritage Branch -- will engage contractors and students in the following activities:

- Conduct a literature review of best practices in B.C., USA, Australia and New Zealand for identifying and categorizing Chinese and non-Chinese mining sites in B.C. .
- Conduct consultation sessions with First Nations and Chinese Canadian communities regarding the historical significance of the sites.
- Conduct at least two and not more than five targeted field visits to exemplary sites for mapping and surveying purposes.
- Develop a preliminary classification typology to provide guidance and direction for further efforts focused on the realization of heritage, educational and recreational values.
- Develop film and video(s) to showcase the promise of this tremendous cultural resource, to build awareness and interest and to stimulate recognition of its public value.

Artifacts Acquisition Fund - This project will involve working closely with the RBCM and the RBCM Foundation to explore the possibility of establishing a governance and administration model for a fund of \$75,000 to the RBCM Foundation.

The RBCM Foundation will work with the community and MIT to develop the governance model for a fund. The intent is for the RBCM Foundation to manage and administer the fund, on behalf of the RBCM, which is consistent its mandate to collect items of significance to B.C.'s history and its role as archivists for the Province.

4.2 Project Organization

The organizational structure for this project is as follows:

Project Sponsor: Deputy Minister, MIT

Project Advisors: Advisory Council

Project Team: MIT Project Manager, FLNRO Heritage Branch, Heritage BC, Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia (CCHSBC), UBC History research team, Government Communications and Public Engagement (GCPE), RBCM, RBCM Foundation

4.3 Project Components

The following are the key activities/deliverables that need to be completed for the **Historic Places** project along with the organization that is responsible for completion of the activity.

Activity/Deliverable	Responsibility
Administrative agreement established between FLNRO and HeritageBC for project services	FLNRO
Development of scope, eligibility and selection criteria	FLNRO/MIT/HeritageBC
Development and launch of web-based nomination form	HeritageBC/FLNRO/MIT
Announce initiative	MIT/HeritageBC/ FLNRO/GCPE
Development and posting of RFP for Statements of Significance	FLNRO
Selection of contractor	FLNRO
Nomination period closes	HeritageBC/FLNRO/MIT
Initial evaluation of sites for eligibility	HeritageBC/FLNRO/MIT
Selection of sites to be recognized	FLNRO/ MIT/Advisory Council/CCHSBC
Notification of selection to property owners	FLNRO/MIT/HeritageBC
Statements of Significance for sites written	FLNRO/Contractors

Activity/Deliverable	Responsibility
Plaques designed and fabricated	FLNRO/MIT/Queen's Printer
Review of Statements of Significance	MIT/FLNRO/Advisory Council/CCHSBC
Announcement of sites being recognized	MIT/FLNRO/GCPE
Installation and local announcement to unveil plaques at each site	MIT/GCPE/FLNRO

The following are the key activities/deliverables that need to be completed for the **Fraser River Study** and the organization that is responsible for completion of the activities.

Activity/Deliverable	Responsibility
Targeted field visits to sites for mapping and surveying at select sites on mid-Fraser River between Lytton and Lillooet	UBC and Research Team
Develop classification system	UBC and Research Team
Advisory Council briefing	UBC, MIT, FLNRO
Draft Statements of Significance and preliminary findings	UBC and Research Team
Review Statements of Significance and preliminary findings	UBC, FLNRO, LIAC, MIT
Advisory Council project status briefing	UBC, MIT, FLNRO
Revise Statements of Significance and complete report writing	UBC and Research Team
Review of draft report	FLNRO, LIAC, MIT
Submit final report to FLNRO, MIT and Advisory Council	UBC and Research Team
Development of short films and learning resources	UBC and Research team

The following are the key activities and deliverables for the **Artifacts Acquisition Fund** and the organization that is responsible for completion of the activity.

Activity/Deliverable	Responsibility
Development of governance model, administrative model and acquisition criteria for the Fund	MIT and RBCM
Establishment of the Fund	MIT and RBCM
Announcement of the Fund	MIT and RBCM

4.4 Cost Estimates

The following are the cost estimates for external (contract) resources for each component:

Historic Places - \$60,000

Fraser River Study - \$40,000

Establishment of an Artifact Acquisition Fund - \$75,000

5. Partner Involvement

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

Partner	Involvement
First Nations communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive project information through UBC's research team and other external communications • Provide feedback through UBC History Department research team and community consultations
Local governments and historical societies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive and review communications on choosing sites • Submit nominations
Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia (CCHSBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in evaluating sites for historical significance.
RBCM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership role in regards to development of the terms of reference and governance model for the Fund
RBCM Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role as administrator of the established Fund
Government Communications and Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in external communication • Point of contact for any questions from the media or the public
Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive project information and provide feedback through UBC and MIT • Provide information to and receive feedback from the Chinese Canadian community

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 the Advisory Council 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.