



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On advancing work for a Provincial Canadians of South Asian heritages museum

THIS DOCUMENT dated for reference the 18 day of September 2026.

BETWEEN:

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(hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry")

AND:

City of Surrey

(hereinafter referred to as "the City")

BACKGROUND

Canadians of South Asian heritages have contributed to the social, cultural, economic, and political development of British Columbia for generations. While navigating historical challenges, South Asian communities have played a vital role in shaping the province through their contributions, leadership, and enduring resilience.

Today, Canadians of South Asian heritages represent one of British Columbia's largest and most diverse communities. Their histories, cultures, languages, and experiences are an integral part of the province's past, present, and future.

Recognizing the importance of preserving and sharing these stories, the Province of British Columbia has committed to establishing a Canadians of South Asian heritages museum to celebrate the histories, cultures, achievements, and contributions of Canadians of South Asian heritages in B.C.

Building on preliminary public engagement, initial feasibility planning, and ongoing discussions with communities and interested stakeholders, the Province of British Columbia and the City of Surrey share a common interest in this initiative and agree to work

collaboratively to explore the establishment of a Canadians of South Asian heritages museum.

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Recognizing the historical and contemporary significance of the contributions of Canadians of South Asian heritages to British Columbia, the Ministry and the City are committed to collaborating and working together to advance work and planning for a Provincial Canadians of South Asian heritages museum.

In support of this objective, the Ministry and the City commit to collaborate on planning the establishment of a Provincial Canadians of South Asian heritages museum, including:

- Exploring opportunities, models, sites and spaces, and funding and shared services support mechanisms that contribute to sustainable business and operational considerations required for a museum;
- Jointly support initiatives, such as further community engagements that advance work, support community leadership, representation, agency, and input in the project; while also recognizing, preserving, and celebrating the histories, cultures, achievements, and contributions of Canadians of South Asian heritage in British Columbia; and
- Establishing an implementation plan with milestones that will support the establishment of a Canadians of South Asian heritages museum;

This Memorandum of Understanding reflects the Ministry's and the City's shared intention to work collaboratively and in good faith on planning activities related to establishing a Provincial Canadians of South Asian heritages museum.

The Ministry and the City acknowledge that further planning, engagement, analysis, approvals, and future commitments and agreements may be required before decisions regarding implementation are made.

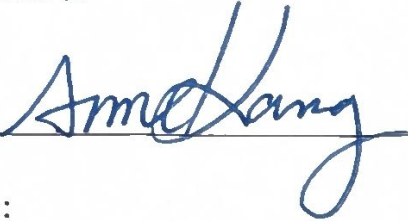
This Memorandum of Understanding is non-binding and is intended solely as a statement of the Ministry's and the City's intentions and interests to work together to advance this initiative.

SIGNED on behalf of the Province of British Columbia by its duly authorized representative:

SIGNED on behalf of the City of Surrey by its duly authorized representative:

Honourable Anne Kang
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

Signature:

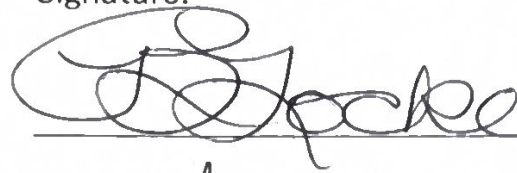


Date:



Their Worship Brenda Locke
Mayor of Surrey

Signature:



Date:

