

Connor Tice
June 2023
Arts, Culture and Events Liaison
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square,

Dear Connor Tice,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the Yen Wo Society to express our strong support for the removal of the existing, *Dragon Dance*, mural on the south façade of our building at 1713 Government Street. *Dragon Dance* was created in 2008 as part of the 150th anniversary Celebration for China Town. It was created by artist Scott Amos with the support of students from the Victoria Chinese Public School. After remaining on display for 13 years the mural is looking faded and worn out, and we understand that it's anticipated lifespan has come to an end.

The opportunity to collaborate with the City to commission a new mural on this highly visible wall is exciting. We feel that a new mural is a great way to reflect the Cultural Heritage of Chinatown and to share the history and traditions of the Tam Kung Temple, the oldest Chinese temple in Canada, which is located in our building. We have been caretakers of the temple since 1912 and it is free to access for everyone in the community.

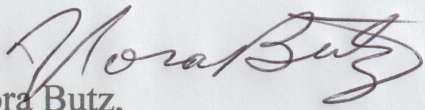
A new mural can transform a largely blank wall into a captivating visual experience, sharing the narrative of the building and temple. The new mural will enhance the aesthetic appeal of the surrounding area. We understand that there are logistical and administrative considerations associated with installing a new mural on our building façade. We are willing to offer our support to the artist as they develop a design and also to prepare and submit all the necessary permits to the City for approvals. We understand that if a new mural artwork is created with funding from the City, we will have to enter into a license agreement with the City to ensure that the artwork remains on the building façade for a period of 10 years. We are in support of executing such a license agreement to ensure a new mural is retained for a period of 10 years with an option to renew.

We kindly request that you proceed with commissioning a new mural on our 1713 Government Street building to replace the deteriorating "Dragon Dance". We believe this collaboration will not only benefit our Society but also contribute to the cultural enrichment and vibrancy of our entire neighborhood and the city. Thank you for your

time and consideration. Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Email Address] or [Phone Number].

We eagerly await your positive response and the opportunity to work together to bring this artistic vision to life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nora Butz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nora" and last name "Butz" clearly distinguishable.

Nora Butz,

President, Yen Wo Society