



THE VICTORIA CHINESE MESSENGER

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2014 Chinatown Night Markets

The Chinatown Night Market is not only returning for a fourth season, it is becoming a weekly market for July and August. It will open on July 9 and run on Wednesday nights until August 27 on the 500 block of Fisgard Street. The presenting sponsor is Union, a new residential development by Anthem Properties.



In addition to cultural entertainment, vendors and an even greater variety of Asian food choices, new elements will include graffiti artists and an emphasis

on street-level entertainment. Each evening will feature music, dance performances and other cultural demonstrations such as Kung Fu and Tai Chi. Favourite market vendors are returning along with many new ones for a vibrant Asian-style market. Opening night will feature dance performances by Ocean Rain and Victoria Chinese Performing Arts and the Lion Dance by Wong Sheng Kung Fu Club.

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Demonstrations of Kung Fu and Tai Chi will also take place at the markets through the season. Silk Road will be holding tea service demonstrations and sampling as well as Asian themed

summer tea workshops on Chinatown Night Market nights. Furthermore, the Victoria Chinatown Lioness Club will be hosting family crafts and activities at each market through the season.

The night market will also have a greater variety of street food than ever before with a range of Asian food from Taiwan, China and Hong Kong. Chinatown restaurants and shops will also be open during the markets.

If you are interested in being a vendor during these events, there is still space available! You can sign up at: www.chinatownnightmarket.ca.

Also, updates are posted regularly at: www.chinatownnightmarket.ca and on the Victoria Chinatown Night Market FaceBook Page. Be sure to check us out!

The Canadian Pacific Railway

The Canadian Pacific Railway was founded in 1881 to unite Canada from coast to coast. In 1871, British Columbia had agreed to join Confederation on the condition that a transcontinental railway would be built linking BC with eastern Canada within 10 years. While British Columbian politicians pushed for an immigration program that would provide railway labour from the British Isles, Canada's Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald betrayed these wishes and insisted that instead Chinese immigrants be employed in order to cut down on costs.



Between 1881 and 1884, as many as 17,000 Chinese males immigrated to BC to work as laborers on the railway. They earned only \$1.00 a day, and from this they still had to pay for their own food, clothing, transportation, gear, and medical care. This left barely anything for the workers to send home to their families. White workers, on the other hand, were paid more and were not responsible for their own expenses. Not only were Chinese workers paid less, but they also were given the most dangerous work. Chinese workers were responsible for clearing the railway's roadbed and blasting tunnels through the mountainous terrain. There were many accidents such as landslides and dynamite blasts that claimed the lives of many. Despite the dangerous work, there was no proper medical care available to the Chinese and many depended on herbal remedies to cure them.



Aside from the dangerous work, living conditions for the Chinese railway

workers were extremely poor. The camps were crowded and cold in the winters. Their low salaries made it unaffordable to purchase fruit or vegetables, and many painfully suffered from scurvy as a result. When it was time to move further down the railway line, Chinese workers would have to move everything to the next camp, often hiking over 40 kilometers. Furthermore, families of the Chinese who were killed on the job received no compensation or even notification of the loss.



When the Canadian Pacific Railway was completed in 1885, many of the Chinese workers who did survive did not have enough money to return home to their families. Thus, they were forced to spend years living in poor conditions by themselves, looking for other means of work. Many stayed in British Columbia, mostly settling in Victoria and Vancouver, and became gardeners, grocers, cooks, or servants. Despite the unfair treatment they received both during the construction of the railway and after, the Chinese were hard working and played an integral part in building the Western stretch of the railway. Although a formal apology was issued by the Canadian government in 2006 to the Chinese-Canadian population for their treatment over the construction of the CPR, it is important that we continue to acknowledge the

hardships they endured and remember both the contributions and sacrifices that they made for our country.

The Everlasting Regret

Written in 806 AD by Bai Ju-Yi (白居易), The Song of Everlasting Regret (長恨歌) is among the most popular poems from the Tang Dynasty. The poem depicts the tragedy between Emperor Xuanzong of Tang (唐玄宗) and Yang Guifei (楊貴妃) during the Anshi Rebellion (安史之亂) in 755 AD. The revolt broke out in 755 and forced the emperor to flee from the capital. The poem contains a total of 120 verses. Yang Yu-huan (719-756) was the favourite mistress of Emperor Xuan Zong (reigned 725-768) of the Tang Dynasty.

汉皇重色思倾国，御宇多年求不得。
杨家有女初长成，养在深闺人未识。
天生丽质难自弃，一朝选在君王侧。
回眸一笑百媚生，六宫粉黛无颜色。
春寒赐浴华清池，温泉水滑洗凝脂。
侍儿扶起娇无力，始是新承恩泽时。
云鬓花颜金步摇，芙蓉帐暖度春宵。
春宵苦短日高起，从此君王不早朝。
承欢侍宴无闲暇，春从春游夜专夜。
后宫佳丽三千人，三千宠爱在一身。
金星妆成娇侍夜，玉楼宴罢醉和春。
姊妹弟兄皆列士，可怜光彩生门户。
遂令天下父母心，不重生男重生女。
骊宫高处入青云，仙乐风飘处处闻。
缓歌慢舞凝丝竹，尽日君王看不足。
渔阳鞞鼓动地来，惊破霓裳羽衣曲。

九重城阙烟尘生，千乘万骑西南行。
 翠华摇摇行复止，西出都门百馀里。
 六军不发无奈何，宛转蛾眉马前死。
 花钿委地无人收，翠翘金雀玉搔头。
 君王掩面救不得，回看血泪相和流。
 黄埃散漫风萧索，云栈萦纆登剑阁。
 峨嵋山下少人行，旌旗无光日色薄。
 蜀江水碧蜀山青，圣主朝朝暮暮情。
 行宫见月伤心色，夜雨闻铃肠断声。
 天旋地转回龙驭，到此踌躇不能去。
 马嵬坡下泥土中，不见玉颜空死处。
 君臣相顾尽沾衣，东望都门信马归。
 归来池苑皆依旧，太液芙蓉未央柳。
 芙蓉如面柳如眉，对此如何不泪垂！
 春风桃李花开日，秋雨梧桐叶落时。
 西宫南内多秋草，落叶满阶红不扫。
 梨园子弟白发新，椒房阿监青娥老。
 夕殿萤飞思悄然，孤灯挑尽未成眠。
 迟迟钟鼓初长夜，耿耿星河欲曙天。
 鸳鸯瓦冷霜华重，翡翠衾寒谁与共？
 悠悠生死别经年，魂魄不曾来入梦。
 临邛道士鸿都客，能以精诚致魂魄。
 为感君王辗转思，遂教方士殷勤觅。
 排空驭气奔如电，升天入地求之遍。
 上穷碧落下黄泉，两处茫茫皆不见。

忽闻海上有仙山，山在虚无缥缈间。
 楼阁玲珑五云起，其中绰约多仙子。
 中有一人字太真，雪肤花貌参差是。
 金阙西厢叩玉扃，转教小玉报双成。
 闻道汉家天子使，九华帐里梦魂惊。
 揽衣推枕起徘徊，珠箔银屏迤迤开。
 云鬓半偏新睡觉，花冠不整下堂来。
 风吹仙袂飘飘举，犹似霓裳羽衣舞。
 玉容寂寞泪阑干，梨花一枝春带雨。
 含情凝睇谢君王，一别音容两渺茫。
 昭阳殿里恩爱绝，蓬莱宫中日月长。
 回头下望人寰处，不见长安见尘雾。
 唯将旧物表深情，钿合金钗寄将去。

钿留一股合一扇，钗擘黄金合分钿。
 但教心似金钿坚，天上人间会相见。
 临别殷勤重寄词，词中有誓两心知。
 七月七日长生殿，夜半无人私语时。
 在天愿作比翼鸟，在地愿为连理枝。
 天长地久有时尽，此恨绵绵无绝期！

The Everlasting Regret (English)

The beauty-loving monarch longed year
 after year
 To find a beautiful lady without peer.
 A maiden of the Yangs to womanhood just
 grown,
 In inner chambers bred, to the world was
 unknown.

Endowed with natural beauty too hard to
 hide,
 One day she stood selected for the
 monarch's side.
 Turning her head, she smiled so sweet and
 full of grace
 That she outshone in six palaces the fairest
 face.

She bathed in glassy water of warm-fountain
 pool,
 Which laved and smoothed her creamy skin
 when spring was cool.

Up-borne by her attendants, she rose too
 faint to move,
 And this was when she first received the
 monarch's love.

Flowerlike face and cloudlike hair, golden-
 head dressed,
 In lotus-flower curtain she spent the night
 blessed.

She slept till sun rose high, for the blessed
 night was short,
 From then on the monarch held no longer
 morning court.

In revels as in feasts she shared her lord's
 delight,

His companion on trips and his mistress at
 night.

In inner palace dwelt three thousand ladies
 fair;
 On her alone was lavished royal love and
 care.

Her beauty served the night when dressed in
 Golden Bower
 Or drunk with wine and spring at banquet in
 Jade Tower.

All her sisters and brothers received rank
 and fief
 And honours showered on her household, to
 the grief
 Of the fathers and mothers who'd rather
 give birth
 To a fair maiden than any son on earth.

The lofty palace towered high into blue
 cloud,
 With wind-borne music so divine the air was
 loud.
 Seeing slow dance and hearing fluted or
 stringed song,
 The emperor was never tired the whole day
 long.
 But rebels beat their war drums, making the
 earth quake
 And "Song of Rainbow Skirt and Coat of
 Feathers" break.

A cloud of dust was raised o'er city walls
 nine-fold;
 Thousands of chariots and horsemen
 southwestward rolled.

Imperial flags moved slowly now and halted
 then,
 And thirty miles from Western Gate they
 stopped again.

Six armies would not march -- what could
 be done? -- with speed
 Until the Lady Yang was killed before the
 steed.

None would pick up her hairpin fallen to the

ground
 Or golden bird and comb with which her
 head was crowned.

The monarch could not save her and hid his
 face in fear;
 Turning his head, he saw her blood mix with
 his tear.

The yellow dust spread wide, the wind blew
 desolate;
 A serpentine plank path led to cloud-capped
 Sword Gate.

Below the Eyebrow Mountains wayfarers
 were few;
 In fading sunlight royal standards lost their
 hue.

On western waters blue and western
 mountains green
 The monarch's heart was daily gnawed by
 sorrow keen.

The moon viewed from his tent shed a soul-
 searing light,
 The bells heard in night rain made a heart-
 rending sound.

Suddenly turned the tide. Returning from his
 flight,
 The monarch could not tear himself away
 from the ground
 Where 'mid the clods beneath the slope he
 couldn't forget
 The fair-faced Lady Yang, who was unfairly
 slain.

He looked at ministers, with tears his robe
 was wet;
 They rode east to the capital, but with loose
 rein.

Back, he found her pond and garden in the
 old place,
 With lotus in the lake and willows by the
 hall.

Willow leaves like her brows and lotus like

her face;
At the sight of all these, how could his tears
not fall
Or when in vernal breeze were peach and
plum full-blown
Or when in autumn rain parasol leaves were
shed?

In western as in southern court was grass
over-grown;
With fallen leaves unswept the marble steps
turned red.

Actors, although still young, began to have
hair grey;
Eunuchs and waiting maids looked old in
palace deep.

Fireflies flitting the hall, mutely he pined
away;
The lonely lampwick burned out; still he
could not sleep.
Slowly beat drums and rang bells; night
began to grow long;
Bright shone the Milky Way; daybreak
seemed to come late.

The lovebird tiles grew chilly with hoar frost
so strong,
And his kingfisher quilt was cold, not shared
by a mate.
One long, long year the dead and the living
were parted;
Her soul came not in dreams to see the
broken-hearted.

A Taoist sorcerer came to the palace door,
Skilled to summon the spirit from the other
shore.

Moved by the monarch's yearning for the
departed fair,
He was ordered to seek for her everywhere.

Borne on the air, like flash of lightning he
flew;
In heaven and on earth he searched through
and through.
Up to the azure vault and down to deepest
place,

Nor above nor below could he e'er find her
trace.

He learned that on the sea were fairy
mountains proud
That now appeared, now disappeared amid
the cloud
Of rainbow colours where rose magnificent
bowers
And dwelt so many fairies as graceful as
flowers.

Among them was a queen whose name was
Ever True;
Her snow-white skin and sweet face might
afford a clue.

Knocking at western gate of palace hall, he
bade
The porter fair to inform the queen's waiting
maid.

When she heard there came the monarch's
embassy,
The queen was startled out of dreams in her
canopy.

Pushing aside the pillow, she rose and got
dressed,
Passing through silver screen and pearl
shade to meet the guest.
Her cloudlike hair awry, not full awake at
all,
Her flowery cap slanted, she came into the
hall.

The wind blew up her fairy sleeves and
made them float
As if she danced the "Rainbow Skirt and
Feathered Coat."

Her jade-white face crisscrossed with tears
in lonely world
Like a spray of pear blossoms in spring rain
impearled.

She bade him thank her lord, lovesick and
brokenhearted;
They knew nothing of each other after they
parted.

Love and happiness long ended within
palace walls;
Days and months appeared long in the
fairyland halls.

Turning her head and fixing on the earth her
gaze,
She saw no capital 'mid clouds of dust and
haze.

To show her love was deep, she took out
keepsakes old
For him to carry back, hairpin and case of
gold.

Keeping one side of the case and one wing
of the pin,
She sent to her dear lord the other half of the
twin.

“If our two hearts as firm as the gold should
remain.
In heaven or on earth we'll sometime meet
again.”

At parting she confided to the messenger
A secret vow known only to her lord and
her.

On seventh day of seventh moon when none
was near,
At midnight in Long Life Hall he whispered
in her ear,

“On high, we'd be two lovebirds flying wing
to wing;
On earth, two trees with branches twined
from spring to spring.”

The boundless sky and endless earth may
pass away,
But this vow unfulfilled will be regretted for
aye.

Happenings

VICTORIA CHINESE COMMERCE ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting: September TBA

**Check the VCCA website in August
for more details**

VICTORIA DRAGONBOAT FESTIVAL

Coming up this **August 15, 16, 17**. Stay
tuned for more information in our
August Messenger.

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2014 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

Please note that the listed organizations are not limited to persons of Chinese descent.

Victoria Chinese Commerce Association

New projects on the go...including the need for volunteers for the 2014 Chinatown Night Market!

Find out more: Check website www.vcca.ca for more information on that and the regular meetings.

Victoria Chinatown Lions Club

If you wish to serve the community, the Victoria Chinatown Lions Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday at Golden City Restaurant. Contact Art Quon at art.quon@rbc.com or Alan Yuen at yuenfam@shaw.ca

Victoria Chinatown Lioness Club

Meetings are second Monday of the month at Golden City Restaurant.. You will need to contact their president for more info. This is a very active club which has won awards for its philanthropy.

Victoria Chinatown Care Foundation

Mandate is to support and fundraise for the needs of the Victoria Chinatown Care Centre located in Chinatown. Volunteers for fundraising events. For information on the foundation go to www.chinatowncarefoundation.com

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You can also volunteer by submitting foodie tips, articles and photos of Victoria things, places and events for posting on our facebook or online publications.

Changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program

Immigration laws continue to one of the more

“mobile” areas for changes. The recent announcements by Minister Chris Alexander have introduced new rules for the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

Now, there are two kinds of foreign workers in Canada – those who need a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA), and those who are LMIA-exempt.

An LMIA shows whether Canadians are available, or if there is a need for a foreign worker. There are however, situations where foreign workers do not need an LMIA. This may be the result of free-trade agreements such as NAFTA or youth exchanges programs, for example, where there are reciprocal agreements that benefit Canada.

As a result of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program review, a number of changes have been introduced for foreign workers in Canada and the Canadian employers who are hiring them.

Among the changes, LMIA-exempt foreign workers will now be part of the newly named International Mobility Program. This will distinguish them from foreign workers who need a LMIA to enter Canada through the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

The reforms to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program summary:

- Limited access to the TFWP to ensure Canadians are first in line for available jobs:
 - Wage levels will now replace National Occupational Classification as the main criteria for administering the TFWP, as wages constitute a more accurate reflection of occupational skill level and local labour market conditions. Jobs for which wages are below the provincial or territorial median wage will be considered “low-wage,” while those being paid at or above the provincial/territorial median will be considered “high-wage.”

- The Labour Market Opinion is replaced by the more rigorous LMIA as the screening mechanism for employers seeking to hire temporary foreign workers. The new LMIA will require that employers provide information on the number of Canadians that applied for a particular job, the number of Canadians the employer interviewed and an explanation if Canadian applicants were not hired. Employers must now also attest they are aware of the rule that Canadians cannot be laid-off or have their hours reduced at a worksite that employs temporary foreign workers.
- Employers with 10 or more employees applying for a new LMIA are subject to a cap of 10 percent on the proportion of their workforce that can consist of low-wage temporary foreign workers. This cap will be applied per worksite of an employer and is based on total hours worked at that worksite. To provide employers who are above the 10 percent cap time to transition and adjust to this new cap, it will be phased in over the next couple of years. For those employers that currently have a low-wage temporary foreign worker workforce that is above the cap, effective immediately, when those employers apply for a new LMIA they will be limited at 30 percent or frozen at their current level, whichever is lower. This transition measure will be further reduced to 20 percent beginning July 1, 2015 and reduced again to 10 percent on July 1, 2016. The government may consider lowering the cap further in future. It is estimated that this measure alone could reduce the number of general low-wage temporary foreign

- workers by 50 percent in the next three years, based on current wage levels.
 - Applications for the lowest-wage, lowest-skill, entry-level occupations in the food services, accommodation and retail trade sectors will be barred from the TFWP in areas of high unemployment (6 percent or higher).
 - LMIAAs for low-wage temporary foreign workers will be reduced from the current two-year standard duration to one-year periods.
 - To reinforce the temporary nature of the TFWP, the cumulative period during which general low-wage temporary foreign workers will be allowed to remain in Canada will be reduced.
 - Annex agreements with provinces and territories are being changed so that employers that used to bring temporary foreign workers to Canada through these agreements will now be subject to an LMIA.
 - Employers seeking to hire high-wage temporary foreign workers (with very limited exceptions) will now be required to submit transition plans to demonstrate how they will increase efforts to hire Canadians, including through higher wages, investments in training and more active recruitment efforts from within Canada.
- More and better labour market information for stronger screening:
 - - A new enhanced Job Matching Service will allow Canadians to apply directly through the Canada Job Bank for jobs that match their skills and experience, and provide information to program officers reviewing an employer's LMIA application
- on how many qualified Canadians have applied for specific jobs.
- Funding two new surveys to be conducted by Statistics Canada:
 - New quarterly Job Vacancy Survey – The current Job Vacancy Survey limited to a sample of 15,000, only provides data at the provincial level and does not provide information on specific occupations or skill levels. The new survey will be based on a sample of 100,000 employers, will provide data by local areas and will include data on occupations and skill levels.
 - New annual National Wage Survey – Increasing the sample size from 56,000 households to 100,000 employers. Unlike the current Wage Survey, data will be available by region instead of only at the provincial level.
- Better use of existing government data (e.g. taking into account number of qualified Canadians receiving Employment Insurance in an area as part of the new LMIA).
- Stronger enforcement and tougher penalties:
 - Massively increasing the number and scope of inspections so that one in four businesses employing temporary foreign workers will be inspected by the TFWP each year.
 - Increasing the number of program requirements that

inspectors can review from 3 to 21.

- Improving and expanding the TFWP Tip Line and creating a new “Complaints” website.
- Expanding the ability to publicly blacklist employers who have been suspended and are under investigation, as well as those who have had an LMIA revoked and are banned from using the program.
- Additional funding for the Canada Border Services Agency to allow for an increase in the number of criminal investigations.
- Improving information sharing among departments and agencies involved in the oversight of the TFWP, including provincial and territorial governments.
- Introducing significant monetary fines of up to \$100,000 following adoption of new legislative authorities included in the Budget Implementation Act (Bill C-31).

The costs for administering the TFWP, including all of the reforms outlined above, will be borne entirely by employers who use the program, not by taxpayers. As a result, the LMIA fee is increasing from \$275 to \$1,000 for every temporary foreign worker position requested by an employer. ESDC will be seeking the authority to impose an estimated \$100 privilege fee on employers applying for LMIA's to offset the costs of Government of Canada investments in skills and job training.

On-farm primary agriculture, including the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP), is exempt from the fee and the cap, along with the one-year LMIA duration and the reduction in the period that a low-wage temporary foreign worker will be allowed to remain in Canada, as there are proven acute labour shortages in this sector and the unfilled jobs are truly temporary. The Live-in Caregiver Program (LCP) is exempt from the cap, the one-year LMIA and the reduced duration in Canada. All other measures including stronger enforcement and tougher

penalties apply to on-farm primary agriculture, SAWP and LCP.

With the reforms of the TFWP, the Government of Canada is ending the moratorium that was placed on the food services sector.

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Foodies

Our online version is regularly updated with a “Foodie” comments section. Here are some snippets for your “digestion”:

“...craving some India fusion... try out the Mint on Douglas...”

“... Hit the Tapas Bar again, just can't get enough of their Heart of Palm salad..”

“...ok where can you get some key lime pie? So far the best can be found in Stevenston, but locally Brown's Social house has one on its menu...and as of this week it seems Cactus may carry it too...”

“...still liking the dumplings at Raymond's add some of their own hot sauce and voila you have a taste and decent heat sensation...”

“...a new tapas coming – Bodega Tapa & Wine.. gonna to be right next to the existing famous Tapas Bar in trounce alley...”

“... so don't forget the Hotel Grand Pacific provides award winning fine dining under Executive Chef Rick Choy... there you can enjoy some great wines with their inventive creations...”

“...spicy seafood noodle soup - have you had some healthy noodle soup at Shanghai Noodle on Quadra Street yet?... just across from Crystal Pool...”

“...the keg after 9 pm has some good and inexpensive appy's...”

“...or what about the deep fried chicken bits at La Tea Ah on Fort...”

“... still got Don Mee’s on my list for dim sum, particularly the traditionally Cantonese ones...”



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