

HEROES OF CONFEDERATION

A MUSEUM TO HONOUR THE
PIONEER CHINESE RAILWAY WORKERS
AND BENEFITING THE COMMUNITY

铁路华工纪念馆

Building upon the Chinese heritage in Kamloops, the Kamloops Chinese Cultural Association has undertaken a museum project called the Heroes of Confederation. This major heritage project to honour the pioneer Chinese railway workers will have national and international significance, educational value, great potential for tourism, and circle tour economics. This museum project must be visible, accessible, and sustainable.

Between 1881 and 1885, 17,007 Chinese railway workers flocked to British Columbia to help build the most difficult section of the Canadian Pacific Railway line between Port Moody and Kamloops. Despite all the hard work of the Chinese railway workers during the railway construction, there was no formal recognition of the Chinese workers. Even at the railway completion ceremony at Craigellachie, British Columbia on November 7, 1885, there were no workers of Chinese descent present.

The first official recognition of the Chinese railway workers was in 1980, ninety-five years later. The plaque, sculpture, documentary memorials, and other dedications are a good start for belated recognitions. However, the Chinese community feels that the best way of acknowledging the pioneer Chinese railway workers is to build a museum dedicated to their sacrifices and contributions to the Confederation of Canada. The museum would also contain tributes to those non-Chinese railway workers and those head tax payers who are synonymous with the pioneer Chinese railway workers.

Kamloops has a very long Chinese history dating back to 1858 and the oldest cemetery in Kamloops is the Chinese Heritage Cemetery dated 1860. Many Chinese railway workers that died during the construction of the railway line were buried here. It is fitting to build a Chinese museum in Kamloops, where so many pioneer Chinese railway workers made Kamloops and region their final resting place.

We must not forget them! They are the true unsung **Heroes of Confederation**.

To achieve the Chinese museum, it will be built in conjunction with the Kamloops Heritage Railway Museum and Roundhouse at Pioneer Park in Kamloops. For economic development and sustainability, others museums and cultural societies are engaging to create a huge heritage/ arts district that will draw visitor awareness and interest on our diversity, western heritage, and railway culture. This will be a comprehensive, fascinating, artistic, educational experience in one cluster location.

Kamloops Chinese Cultural Association/ Thompson Rivers University Scholarship and Bursary Award

Criteria for Application:

- Member of the Kamloops Chinese Cultural Association
- Volunteering for the cultural association
- Chinese language, arts, music, or projects that benefit the community
- Canadian citizenship or Landed Immigrant Status

Chinese Cultural Association Last Spike Achievement Awards

Criteria for Application or Recognition:

- Cash awards must be a member of the Kamloops Chinese Cultural Association
- Students from elementary to university
- Achievements in Chinese related subjects or projects
- Volunteerism for the Chinese Cultural Association

Welcome Wagon Package

- Map of Kamloops
- Tips and information to fast track to our city
- Business and Tourism areas
- Government and immigration information

甘露市 中华文化 协会

KAMLOOPS CHINESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION



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Pioneer Chinese Railway Heritage Museum:
www.heroesofconfederation.com

MISSION

Incorporated in 1977, the mission of the Kamloops Chinese Cultural Association (KCCA) is to promote Chinese cultural exchange and enhance community's social welfare.

ACTIVITIES

- Chinese New Year (January/February)
- Annual General Meeting (February/March)
- Ching Ming (Festival of Departed Souls) at the Kamloops Chinese Heritage Cemetery (March/April)
- Asian Heritage Month (May 1– 31st)
- Canada Day/Folkfest at Riverside Park.
- Moon Festival /Heroes of Confederation Banquet (September/October)
- Enchanting Ethnic Evening Celebration
- Partnership and engaging other organization to create celebrations and festivals
- Christmas luncheon/dinner and gift giving (Dec.)
- Family Activity Programs
- Museum and Arts Workshops

Participation

- ⇒ Welcoming the Chinese International Students and Teachers at Thompson Rivers University.
- ⇒ Picnic in the park in August
- ⇒ Canada Day/Folkfest
- ⇒ General meetings and luncheons
- ⇒ Annual Multicultural Bazaar.
- ⇒ Sports activities
- ⇒ Chinese Railway Workers project events
- ⇒ Good will opportunities

MANDARIN CLASSES

Did you know that Chinese is now spoken by more people as a first or second language than any other language in the world?

The Kamloops Chinese Cultural Association has educational and fun Mandarin Chinese classes at every level to meet your learning needs.

Continue →

Preschool Mandarin Class: Age 3-6, Saturdays
Anne 3722-8648 or Xin-Huan 374-4133

Elementary Mandarin Class: Ages 6-12, Saturdays
Jenny at 828-0110

Adult Mandarin Class: All ages welcome, Week
nights - David at 377-3278

Beginners are welcome!

No experience necessary to participate in any of these classes.

WHAT THE MEMBERSHIP OFFERS YOU.

- KCCA/TRU Foundation Scholarship and Bursary Awards
- Friendship, Networking, and Knowledge
- Newsletters / Email—on coming events and info updates
- Help and Information for Landed Immigrants and International Students
- Reduced fees for Chinese Mandarin language classes, Chinese arts, dance, and music classes
- Sports facilities
- Gain respect and credibility within our community.
- Our membership caters to the businesses and social organizations in our community.
- KCCA / Last Spike Achievement Awards
- KCCA's Chinese horoscope calendar

OTHER REASONS FOR JOINING:

- Participating in building a Pioneer Chinese Railway Workers museum in Kamloops.
- Meeting and socializing with people of all diversity. An opportunities to understand and celebrate the Chinese Culture.
- Enriching the Canadian culture and making the Kamloops community more harmonious to live in thru KCCA activities.
- Creating a link with other people of Chinese heritage and understanding of other cultural/ethnic groups in Kamloops.
- Opportunities to assist the public in appreciating the uniqueness of Chinese culture and history.



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Registration Form:

Name: _____ Regular Membership: \$10.00
 Address: _____ Family Membership: \$15.00
 City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Date: _____
 Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Total amount: _____
 E-mail: _____ Received by: _____

