Chinese Reconciliation Process – 10 Recommended Steps and Actions from June 28 2010 Council Report

1. Make a public acknowledgement that City actions contributed to past injustices involving the Chinese community in New Westminster.

2. Make a public apology, in both English and Chinese, to the Chinese community for these injustices.

3. Review the current use of the Chinese Benevolent Association site on Agnes Street and explore more appropriate and respectful uses for this site.

4. Use the recently located land use maps which demarcate the boundaries of the former Chinatowns in Downtown New Westminster to inform ground altering excavations within these boundaries, with the purpose of unearthing and protecting historical artefacts related to Chinese settlement.

5. Work with the Province and the School District to explore opportunities for a memorial at the former Chinese cemetery site and explore ways to erect plaques or signage at the sites of the former Chinatowns in Downtown New Westminster.

6. Explore ways to further augment the research that has been completed to date, including incorporating a Chinese perspective. These ways could include accessing grant moneys and working with academic institutions and cultural organizations.

7. Explore ways of developing a museum exhibit showcasing the Chinese Reconciliation Process and the results of the research and consultation.

8. Store the information related to the Chinese Reconciliation Process on the City's official website, possibly under Social Planning, and explore ways of translating this information into Chinese. This information would include the research and consultation findings and would serve as an education resource and reference for other jurisdictions.

9. Work with the School District to explore opportunities for school curriculum development related to the contributions of the Chinese community in New Westminster and the Chinese Reconciliation Process.

10. Continue to consult with the Chinese community around the implementation of the reconciliation steps and actions and to explore opportunities to work together on their implementation.