



OTTAWA CHINATOWN
A multicultural village with an Asian flavour

2019 Annual Report

The Somerset Street Chinatown BIA was established in 1989 by the City of Ottawa. Chinatown is spread over an area of 8 city blocks on Somerset Street West: from Bay Street to Preston Street. A Board of Management governs the BIA. Members of the BIA consist of 188 property Owners and business owners in the area.

The mandate of the BIA includes:

- Maintenance, beautification and enhancement of public area
- Support and enhancement of public safety
- Promote and market local business/tourism
- Encourage and support all business development and economic revitalization efforts

2019 Annual Highlights:

- Supported by a grant from the City of Ottawa, two large murals were added in Chinatown.
- Organized the annual Chinese New Year Parade.
- Supported the annual Asian Night Market event with continuing success.
- Maintain the same level of service with a balanced and stable budget
- Carried out two research projects resulted in the development of a digital market strategy and street lighting study
- Planted and maintained the 22 planters on the street
- Conducted Chinatown arch visual inspection
- Started the process of transferring the BIA finance management to the City.
- Worked with partnering organizations to address the safety concerns brought up by BIA members.
- Changed the BIA operating model to achieve more efficiency and cost saving

2018 Audited Financial Statement:

Please see the attached.

2020 Strategic Direction:

- Complete the transfer of BIA financial management to the city
- Continue to carry out events to increase the attractiveness of our commercial district
- Respond to and provide service to BIA members



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- Organize meaningful activities to promote Chinatown as a cultural destination such as the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the arch construction completion
- Continue to improve streetscape
- Mitigate any negative events that threaten security on the street
- Maintain the same level of budget

Board of Management

Peter So	Property Owner	
Sonia Del Rosario	Property Owner/Business Owner	del Rosario Financial Services
John Maiorino	Property Owner/Business Owner	Professional Barber Shop &Hairstyling
Beibei Chang	Business Owner	Kowloon Market
Christina Zhou	Branch Manager	Scotia Bank
Peter Yeung	Property Owner	
Terry Cheng	Property Owner	
Fay Meng	Business Owner	MobileNet Plus
Kristen Mikkelsen	Manager	Kelly funeral Home
Catherine McKenney	City Councilor	City of Ottawa

Staff: Executive Director Grace Xin

