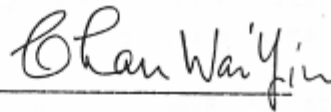

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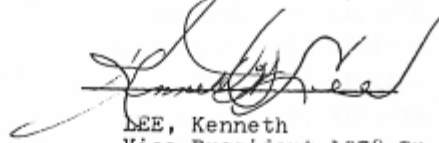
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THE CONSTITUTION

- Adopted: October 30, 1977 at the Founding Meeting of
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CONSTITUTION
OF
THE CHINESE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF KINGSTON & DISTRICT

PREAMBLE

The Chinese Canadian Association of Kingston is formed by a group of concerned Kingston residents of Chinese origin to meet the challenges facing an ethno-cultural group within the modern context of a multi-cultural, mosaic Canadian society. The Association is a non-profitable, non-sectarian and non-partisan organization chartered by the Government of Ontario in 1979. It will neither participate in nor initiate any activities with purposes contrary to those listed here in the constitution, and in particular, it will not be involved in any partisan politics outside of Canada.

SECTION I - GENERAL

Article 1. Name

The name of this Association shall be 'The Chinese Canadian Association of Kingston & District', hereinafter referred to as the 'Association'.

Article 2. Purposes

The primary aim of the Association is to assist the Chinese Canadian community to develop within the Canadian context and to participate fully in the modern Canadian

society. The following purposes are formulated to facilitate the achievement of this aim.

- (a) To promote cultural exchanges between the Chinese Canadian ethno-cultural community and other Canadians, thereby promoting an awareness of Canada's cultural diversity and leading to an increase in mutual understanding;
- (b) To encourage and to provide opportunities for the Chinese Canadians to play a more active role in local cultural, social and political activities;
- (c) To co-ordinate the efforts of the Chinese Canadians to express their wishes on issues of common interest, and to strive for , promote and protect their common welfare and rights within the Canadian society.
- (d) To provide opportunities for studying and understanding the Chinese cultural heritage, and to actively foster and promote the retention of our cultural heritage within the Canadian multi-cultural programme;
- (e) To promote goodwill, understanding and co-operation with other organizations with objects similar to the ones listed herein;
- (f) To supply and render services of cultural, educational or social nature to the Community in general, and the Chinese Canadian group in particular, as time and need may require.
- (g) To supply and render services of charitable nature to the old, the infirm, the young and the underprivileged of the community in general, and the Chinese Canadian group in particular, as time and need may require.

SECTION II - MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. Regular Membership

All persons over the age of eighteen years who are citizens of good character, and who claim or espouse Chinese cultural heritage and who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants may apply for regular membership without any regard for religious or political affiliation.

Article 4. Associate Membership

All persons over the age of eighteen years who are citizens of good character, and who claim or espouse Chinese cultural heritage may apply for associate membership without any regard for religious or political affiliation.

Article 5. Youth Membership

All persons over the age of twelve years but under the age of eighteen years, who are citizens of good character, who claim or espouse Chinese cultural heritage may apply for youth membership without any regard for religious or political affiliation.

Article 6. Honorary membership

Any individual who has made significant contributions to the Chinese Canadian ethno-cultural community shall be eligible for election as an Honorary member.

Article 7. Privileges

(a) All members are entitled to participate in functions and meetings organized by the Association, and to make use of any facilities as may be provided by the Association;

(b) Only regular members are entitled to vote, nominate and be nominated for election to offices in meetings.

Article 8. Applications and Nominations

(a) All persons meeting the requirements of Section II, Article 3,4 or 5, shall become Regular, Associate or Youth Members of the Association upon the payment of the membership fee and the approval of the executive committee;

(b) Nominations for Honorary Membership shall be made to the Executive Committee by two regular members of the Association. The candidate shall become an Honorary Member if approved by the majority of the Executive Committee and shall be exempted from payment of fees.

Article 9. Membership Fee

The membership fee structure shall be decided for each year at the annual General Meeting.

SECTION III - MEETINGS

Article 10. Language

All meetings of the Association shall be conducted in English and Chinese.

Article 11. Annual General Meeting

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be convened by the President of the Association and held during the month of September or October. Notice of the time and place and Agenda of the meeting shall be sent by the secretaries to each member of the Association to his last known address fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting.

(b) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- (i) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the previous General Meeting;
- (ii) To receive and adopt the Minutes of all Special General Meetings which may have been convened since the previous General Meeting;
- (iii) To receive and adopt the Treasurer's Report and (audited) Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet;
- (iv) To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Secretary;
- (v) To receive the address from the President;
- (vi) To elect the following Officials in the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:
 - A President
 - A Vice-President
 - Two Secretaries
 - A Treasurer
 - A Social Convenor
 - A Sport Convenor
 - An External Relations Convenor
 - An Educational/Cultural Convenor
 - A Publication Convenor
 - A Public Service Convenor

- (vii) To receive the address from the President-elect;
- (viii) To decide on the membership fee structure for the ensuing year;
- (ix) Any other business.

Article 12. Special General Meetings

A Special General Meeting may be held at the call of the President or Vice-President or within twenty days upon receipt by the President of a petition signed by not less than twenty or one-third of the Regular Members (whichever is the smaller number) of the Association. Notification of such a meeting shall be given as herein provided for the Annual General Meeting and no business shall be transacted at that Meeting other than those specified in the Agenda.

Article 13. Vote of Non-Confidence

A vote of non-confidence for infringement of the Constitution, neglect of duties or unbecoming conduct may be moved against any of the officials at the Annual General Meeting, when such an item (or items) should appear explicitly in the agenda, or at a Special General Meeting held specifically for the purpose. A vote of non-confidence passed by at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting shall call for the resignation of the person or persons against whom the vote is moved.

Article 14. Quorum

At all General Meetings of the Association, twenty or one-third of the Regular Members (whichever is the smaller number) present personally shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION IV - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 15. Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of :

- (a) The eleven Officials elected at the Annual General Meeting (see Article 19 in case of vacancies)
- (b) An Ex-official Member (the President of the immediate-previous Executive Committee shall ipso facto be such member. If for any reason this turns out to be impossible his Committee shall then elect among themselves one member to act in that capacity).

Article 16. Election

- (a) Elections of the Executive Committee shall be held at the Annual General Meeting of the Association;
- (b) Nominations for all positions may be submitted by Members of the Association at the Meeting;
- (c) In all elections, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared as being elected to the office he/she is nominated for.

Article 17. Functions

The functions of the Executive Committee shall be:

- (a) To organize activities and to formulate policies for the Association in accordance with the purposes listed herein the Constitution;
- (b) To carry out the resolutions of the General Meeting(s).

Article 18. Meetings

- (a) The Executive Committee Meeting may be held at the call of the President or Vice-President, or within ten days upon the receipt by the President of a request signed by not less than six members of the Committee. The Committee, however, must meet no fewer than six times within their tenure of service.
- (b) Notice of the Executive Committee Meeting must be delivered to all Committee Members at least forty-eight hours beforehand;
- (c) Six members of the Committee, including the President or Vice-President and one Secretary, shall constitute a quorum at all Executive Committee Meetings.

Article 19. Vacancies

- (a) A vacancy in the Presidency shall be filled by the Vice-President for the balance of the term of the Executive;
- (b) Vacancies in the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, if they should occur at the same time, may be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee for the balance of the term of the Executive in a special Executive Committee Meeting attended by at least six of the remaining members of the Executive.
- (c) Any other vacancies in the Executive Committee may be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee for the balance of the term of the Executive in an Executive Committee Meeting.

- (d) Notice of any change in the Executive Committee must be sent to all the members of the Association within fourteen days after the changes have become effective.

SECTION V - AMENDMENTS

Article 20. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a simple majority vote of those present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose. Proposed amendments must be circulated with the notice to members of such a Meeting.

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