



To: Finance Committee  
From: Joe Erceg, MCIP  
General Manager, Planning and Development

To Finance - July 18, 2007  
Date: July 17, 2007  
File: 03-1085-20-RCMH1  
Clerk's file 03-1085-01

Re: Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada – 2007 Grant Application

Staff Recommendation

That the remaining \$3,250.00 in the 2007 Grants Budget be allocated to the Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada.

*Joe Erceg*  
Joe Erceg, MCIP  
General Manager, Planning and Development

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## Staff Report

### Origin

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Council approved a grant of \$7,400.00 to the Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada for funding the Choir of Love program.

This grant was less than the \$12,000 allocated in 2006 because there was no evidence of partnering with other organizations for service delivery.

Based on the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 grants allocations, a balance of \$3,250 remained in the Grants Budget.

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, General Purposes Committee resolved:

*That the matter of an additional grant in the amount of \$3,250 being awarded to the Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada be referred to staff to:*

- (1) verify the situation with respect to partnerships; and*
- (2) provide information on the programs offered; how the amount of \$3,250 would affect these programs; the program to which the \$3,250 would be applied; and the rationale for the funding cuts by other agencies.*

### Findings Of Fact

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 staff sent an e-mail request to the Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada (CMWAC) for the above information. Ms. Chin and a CMWAC Board Representative subsequently met with City staff to clarify the information request.

In response, CMWAC provided the following information:

1. A list of partnerships (**Attachment 1**),
2. A budget spreadsheet (**Attachment 2**),
3. Program descriptions (**Attachment 3**), and
4. Rationale for funding cuts (**Attachment 4**).

### Analysis

#### 1. Verification of Partnerships

Several of the partners identified by CMWAC were contacted by staff to confirm the partnership and explain the nature of the partnerships. Staff were only able to reach some of those listed. Results are included in **Attachment 5**.

Of the organizations contacted, CMWAC is not involved in any formal partnerships (e.g., contracts) whereby programs or projects are jointly planned, managed, funded and/or delivered. None of them have any current contractual agreements with CMWAC.

However, CMWAC occasionally participates on committees, makes referrals to other organisations, receives referrals, draws on the expertise of other organisations, and assists others (e.g., providing space).

While no formal partnerships emerged, the level of cooperation and mutual support engaged in by CMWAC may be considered as the beginning point of a partnership continuum with ongoing, formal contractual relationships at the other end.

The City Grants Program review currently underway will explore better defining partnerships in the Grants Program criteria, and consider whether or not more formal operational partnerships should be required.

## **2. Information on the Programs Offered**

Please see **Attachment 3**, prepared by CMWAC, for information on the programs offered.

## **3. How Programs Would be Affected by \$3,250 Grant**

As indicated in **Attachment 2**, the grant of \$3,250 would be applied to operational expenses (rental space and wages) rather than any one program.

## **4. Rationale for Funding Cuts by Other Agencies**

CMWAC's funding through Vancouver Coastal Health for their Peer Support Program was terminated. Rationale for the cut, as indicated in a letter from VCH to CMWAC, is lack of sufficient partnering with other community agencies and failure to establish an advisory steering committee. This letter and CMWAC's response, including letters of support, are included in **Attachment 4**.

## **Financial Impact**

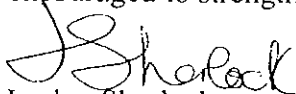
A balance of \$3,250 remains in the 2007 Grants budget.

Should the staff recommendation be followed, the 2007 Grants budget balance will be \$0.

## **Conclusion**

CMWAC works cooperatively with other community agencies.

Staff recommend that the remaining \$3,250.00 be provided to CMWAC, and that CMWAC be encouraged to strengthen partnerships with other community organizations.



Lesley Sherlock  
Social Planner (4220)

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The Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada Partnerships with the following communities:

- 1) CMHA Vancouver/Burnaby Branch – Chinese Depression Screening Project – Stella Lee – 872-4902
- 2) CMHA Richmond Branch – Providing housing support for Chinese clients – Susan Knight – 276-8834
- 3) CMHA Simon Fraser Branch – Provision of Mental Health Support to Chinese clients referred. – Rodney Baker -986-4098
- 4) Richmond Mental Health Team – Continuation of support to the Chinese clients referred by the Team
- 5) Regional Peer Support Committee -- Strategic Planning for Peer Support
- 6) Richmond Hospital (2 West) – To provide peer support to the Chinese clients regularly – Karen Efron -
- 7) Richmond Rehabilitation & Housing Committee & Richmond Consumers Families – Karen Efron  
Advisory Council
- 8) Richmond Consumers & Families Council – Strategic planning of the council
- 9) Affordable Housing Strategy Committee – Strategic planning of Housing
- 10) Richmond Kwantlen College – Member of the Advisory Board for Psychiatric Nursing Program – Ann Moniz – Operation Manager – 599-2053
- 11) Richmond Disability Resource Centre – Mutual promotion of mental health wellness education – Ella Hwang – 232-2404
- 12) Committee on Postpartum Depression, Richmond Health Department – Promotion of mental wellness towards Chinese population in Richmond -- Heather Campbell
- 13) Senior Chinese Society of Vancouver – Mutual support for Asian seniors – 288-8860
- 14) Mood Disorder Association (Chinese) – Joint promotion of mental wellness education – Maria – 716-3516
- 15) BC Schizophrenia Society – Joint promotion for mental wellness education and support for the Chinese clients
- 16) SUCCESS's Senior Group – Joint promotion of mental health education – Peter Wu – 278-8399

- 17) Traditional Chinese Medicine Association – Mutual support for TCM education – Dr. John Yang 604-783-8602
- 18) Rutherford University – Joint promotion of mental health education – Dr. Hasam – 244-7754
- 19) Golden Age Academy – Mutual support for seniors by running senior programs – Unice – 214-9682
- 20) Riverview Hospital – To provide volunteer services
- 21) Forensic Psychiatric Services – To provide Peer Support if needed
- 22) Morning Star Choir – To support members to join the Choir for therapeutic healing by singing – Josephine – 261-9598
- 23) Vancouver Chinese Choir Association - To support members to join the Choir for therapeutic healing by singing – Doreen
- 24) Canadian Red Cross – Joint effort to operate health training – Jenny Moss – 604-709-6642
- 25) The Integration Youth Services Society – Joint effort in promoting and training youth in the field – Esther Ho – 604-805-8833
- 26) Richmond Chinatown Lions Club – Joint support and promotion of mental wellness – Aster Liew -668-1479

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Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada

May 2007

## Clarification of some CMWAC partnerships

The information you requested are as follows:

With the Choir of Love in which 3 partnership groups and contacts are cited, their roles is collaborative in which volunteers/members join in the choirs in performing and running events. The role of CMWAC in this respect is to provide music therapy through the choirs/group performances/getting together to the volunteers/members.

Counselling Program and Depression Recovery - The 'in-kind' of Dr. Hassam of Counselling Program and Depression Recovery actually refers to his role as a volunteer advisor, while CMWAC's part can be best described as providing as a training site for mental wellness programs and seminars and a support group for a multicultural group.

Seniors Group - The Women's Resource Centre and SUCCESS are partners in the sense that a collaborative connection with both because of mutual referrals and joint activities and the role that CMWAC plays is one of being the provider of mental wellness education and support to the seniors.

The Regional Peer Support is listed as a partner for the joint planning/advisory role in the development of peer support programs and CMWAC's role is to share with the group our objectives and a multi-cultural perspectives.

Wellness Line - The partners which specifically have that connections with the wellness line are: SUCCESS, Women's Resource Centre, the Integration Youth Services Society, Disability Resource Centre. Their roles are referrals to CMWAC.

With the English class, at this stage partnership will be considered in the near future; with the youth group we have connected with Integration Youth Services Society, Richmond City Youth Program, Richmond School District and Richmond Youth Centre for joint planning of youth peer support groups.

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Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada - Partnerships pertaining to 2007 City Grant Application

Program Name	Total Program Budget	Requested from City	CMWAC Contribution	Partner(s) Contribution(s)	Other funding sources from program - indicate if confirmed or cut for 2007
<b>PART A - CITY GRANT REQUEST</b>					
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
- Rental space	\$2,700.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,700.00		Fundraising
- Wages	\$20,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$17,750.00		Fundraising
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,700.00</b>	<b>\$3,250.00</b>	<b>\$19,450.00</b>	Pl. refer * below.	
<b>Choir of Love</b>					
- Facilitator (\$200 mo. X 12)	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00		Pl. refer ** below	
- Photocopy of material	\$500.00	\$500.00			
- Rental space	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			
- Transportation	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,400.00</b>	<b>\$7,400.00</b>			
<b>PART B - OTHER PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>Counselling Program</b>					
- Counsellor's stipend	\$12,000.00		\$9,900.00	Rutherford Uni (In Kind) Dr. Hasam - 244-7754	
- Interpretation & translation	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$2,100.00 BC Gaming - confirmed	
- Honouraria for Interpreter/translator	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>		<b>\$12,900.00</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>	
<b>Wellness Line</b>					
- Multiple phone lines	\$800.00			(Please see the list of partnerships)	
- Honouraria for workers	\$400.00			\$800.00 BC Gaming - confirmed	
- Administration	\$1,210.00			\$400.00 BC Gaming - confirmed	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,410.00</b>			\$1,210.00 BC Gaming - confirmed	
<b>English Class</b>				<b>\$2,410.00</b>	
- Instructor honoraria	\$4,800.00				
- Administration	\$1,300.00			\$4,800.00 BC Gaming - confirmed	
- Material & supplies	\$1,400.00			\$1,300.00 BC Gaming - confirmed	
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>			\$1,400.00 BC Gaming - confirmed	
<b>Depression Recovery</b>				<b>\$7,500.00</b>	
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- Counsellor's stipend	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00	BC Gaming - confirmed
- Administration	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	BC Gaming - confirmed
- Supplies	\$500.00			\$500.00	BC Gaming - confirmed
- Rental space	\$600.00			\$600.00	BC Gaming - confirmed
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>8,100.00</b>			<b>8,100.00</b>	
<b>Youth Group</b>					
- Coordinator wage	\$7,263.00			\$7,263.00	United Way - confirmed
- Rental space	\$4,400.00			\$4,400.00	United Way - confirmed
- Printing	\$2,700.00			\$2,700.00	United Way - confirmed
- Promotion	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	United Way - confirmed
- Refreshment	\$800.00			\$800.00	United Way - confirmed
- Travel	\$413.00			\$413.00	United Way - confirmed
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,576.00</b>			<b>\$17,576.00</b>	
<b>Senior Group</b>					
- Coordinator wage	\$4,420.00			\$4,420.00	New Horizon - confirmed
- Honoraria & consulting	\$2,700.00			\$2,700.00	New Horizon - confirmed
- Administration	\$600.00			\$600.00	New Horizon - confirmed
- Material & supplies	\$720.00			\$720.00	New Horizon - confirmed
- Promotion	\$920.00			\$920.00	New Horizon - confirmed
- Utilities	\$850.00			\$850.00	New Horizon - confirmed
- Rental space	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00	New Horizon - confirmed
- Travel	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00	New Horizon - confirmed
- Car rental	\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00	New Horizon - confirmed
- Entrance fee	\$300.00			\$300.00	New Horizon - confirmed
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,010.00</b>			<b>\$21,010.00</b>	
<b>Peer Support Resource Centre</b>					
- Administration	\$12,000.00			\$12,000.00	Regional Peer Su
- Printing	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	Fundraising
- Volunteer honoraria	\$500.00			\$500.00	Fundraising
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>			<b>\$14,500.00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$116,196.00</b>				

\* The \$3250.00 would be applied to the operating cost. Partnerships for the Choir of Love

\*\* The Morning Star Choir - Josephine 261-9598; The Vancouver Chinese Choir Association - Doreen; Grand Ensemble Spring Concert 2007 - Vivian Chao - 233-1310

## Women Resource Ctr. - 279-7060; SUCCESS Senior Program - Peter Wu - 278-8399  
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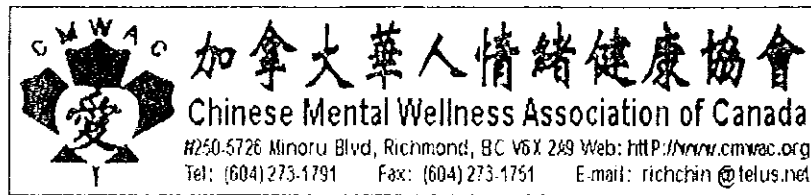


I forward herewith the information on our programs offered as requested. Please let us know if you still have further questions. Thanks.

Programs offered:

- a) Counselling Program is a drop-in program for people who wish to speak to registered counsellors but who cannot afford to pay. We do ask for a donation.
- b) Choir of Love - Already established. Getting the members to sing together and attend concerts. It will outreach the community if needed.
- c) Wellness Line - A program where people can call to receive referrals for any crises they may be facing. The operators speak English, Cantonese and Mandarin. Confidentiality, respect and support are paramount in our dealings with these clients.
- d) Peer Support Resource Centre is a drop-in centre, where people can meet others in a safe environment for support, information and socialization.
- e) English Class - A teacher teaches practical English skills to newcomers, and interested people who often do not have access to learning to speak English. The classes are very relaxed, supportive and do not put undue pressure on the students to learn English.
- f) Depression Recovery - An education program to help people going through depression. It empowers the individuals who need help. Two counsellors are available to assist people in their recovery from this debilitating disease.
- g) United Way - A group-focused approach to guide adolescent children of Chinese families in developing strategies for early detection and coping and found resources and support for family members with mental health problems.
- f) New Horizons - Chinese seniors with language and culture barriers are often isolated in the community. This program offers socialization for these seniors and a chance to get to know their community better in a positive and safe way.

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The Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada  
May 2007



July 16, 2007

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RE: City Grant of \$3250.00

Further to our telephone conversation today, I forward herewith the requested document and the following support documents for your perusal in the hope that the above amount could be granted for our operation to be continued:

- 1) Letter from Lezlie Wagman of Vancouver Coastal Health
- 2) Letter of Reply to the letter
- 3) Letter from the Honorable Raymond Chan, P.C., M.P.
- 4) Letter from Richard T. Lee, MLA for Burnaby North
- 5) Programs run by CMWAC
- 6) Two support documents
- 7) 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Souvenir Magazine (in conjunction with the Fundraiser Concert on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007)

Yours sincerely,

Ahlay Chin

Cc: Dr. Edwin Tam, President

December 18, 2006

Ahlay Chin  
Executive Director  
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Dear Ahlay Chin;

Re: **SM0050 Peer Support Volunteers Program**

On a yearly basis the SMART Fund, the VCH program that provides funding for the *Peer Support Volunteers Program* conducts a review of all funded projects. Project outcomes are assessed based on the length of time a project is funded. We review what was initially proposed and what is achieved and we evaluate the relationship of the achieved outcomes to the principles of the SMART Fund. In order to ensure that new community initiatives have an opportunity to receive funding, we have to take a close look at our current grant disbursements and determine which projects will continue and which will not be renewed in the next fiscal year.


After a project has been funded for five years we must take a serious look at its operations and administration. The *Peer Support Volunteers Program* has now been funded by the SMART Fund since 2001. Our review of your project has determined that there is a lack of partnership development with other non-profit agencies who serve a similar audience and that there is no functioning advisory/steering committee for the *Peer Support Volunteers Program*.

Over the last three years during our project visits we have discussed these issues with you. We have identified community organizations in Richmond who would be likely partners for collaborative activities and for representation on your advisory committee. We have encouraged your organization to contact and establish working relationships. We have asked some of these organizations to contact you. None of these strategies have met with success. *Peer Support Volunteers Program* has not taken the initiative to develop collaborations or partnerships with other organizations that support mental health consumers. Developing partnerships is a key guiding principle of the SMART Fund since community partnerships build community capacity and this is one of our goals. After five years of operation this should have been achieved.

Based on the review of your project and the issues I mention above the VCH contract with the Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada for the *Peer Support Volunteers Program* will not be renewed on April 1, 2007.

We will endeavour to find alternate programs for the peer support workers and support for the mental health consumers who have relied on the help of the *Peer Support Volunteers Program*.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Dear Ms. Wagman:

Re: SM0050 Peer Support Volunteers Program

Thank you for your correspondence of December 18, although it was certainly unsettling and we must say unexpected news. Thank you also to the SMART Fund for their support of our organization over the last five years.

However, we are writing at this time to see if we can place an appeal against your decision to cut our funding. CMWAC's Board and volunteer roster has seen the infusion of new blood over the last three years but it has still been somewhat of a long learning curve in being able to come to grips with all that CMWAC is and does. We are currently putting a good deal of effort into restructuring and extending the availability of our staff and volunteers and believe we are therefore at a crossroads in terms of our organization's future. Your decision to cut our funding at this time seriously undermines our efforts to move forward as we would like.

Your support has enabled CMWAC over the last 5 years to provide training to over 60 individuals to prepare them for becoming Peer Support Workers. Unfortunately, due to the high mobility of the population from which these persons come, many are no longer in our community and therefore not available to follow through with the expectation of being a Peer Support Worker. Others simply are no longer able to commit – they are volunteers after all.

We also seem to have hit a roadblock in terms of being able to mentor these individuals into being active Peer Support Workers in the hospital in Richmond for instance by Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's seeming insistence that only one volunteer at a time visit a patient. In spite of that, and our understanding that there have been difficulties in the past with the volunteer-hospital interface, we believe we are now on track with hospital visitation as the front-line staff at Richmond Hospital should be able to tell you.

As for your two stated reasons for curtailing funding, we acknowledge that we have not been able to develop the partnerships we would also like with similar agencies in the community. However, we do not believe it is for want of trying. We have tried repeatedly to make and maintain contact with agencies like RCFC, CMHA and SUCCESS, but without much luck for reasons that are not entirely clear to us.

With respect to an advisory committee for the Peer Support Volunteers Program, again, we do

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acknowledge that there have been lapses in its function but there has been a committee in the past and one was re-established just this fall.

The current board believes that some of the past difficulties and failures are being rectified already and we look forward with hope and optimism to the future. However, our efforts in that direction will surely be adversely affected by the loss of the support of the SMART Fund. We do not believe the funding has been in vain. There has been much peer support in the community over the years and our agency is really quite well known in the community within which it was created to serve. We receive calls and referrals on a steady basis and literally hundreds of individuals and their families have benefited from the ongoing Peer Support educational programs.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you to discuss this further, perhaps by having you attend a Board Meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Lorne Brandt, MD, FRCPC, Secretary, CMWAC Board

## CHINESE MENTAL WELLNESS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA application

The overall impact of the work of the Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada (CMWAC) upon newcomers, could be described as considerable and valuable. Since its inception some 10 years ago, in some of the most recent figures alone, more than 1300 area residents have used the services, which involved nearly 400 contact hours, through the 24/7 wellness line, various public events and referrals for counselling. Some 120 of these residents were referred for ethnic-match counselling, totalling almost 500 hours. In particular, it is anticipated that access savings costs to the community will be more than \$80,000 for this year, 2005.

The CMWAC may be considered innovative because of the emphasis on mental well-being, not simply focussing on mental ill-health and disorders. Thus a preventative and pro-active dimension underlies much of the mandate of the agency. This is achieved through public lectures by guest health practitioners in the community throughout the year; events such as fund-raisers so that the agency's profile is more visible. The Peer Support Volunteer training program has become well-established, as a type of trained community outreach toward those experiencing mental health challenges and who are unable to physically visit the agency, because of being in hospital or unable to leave their residence. The graduates provide an invaluable source of support and nurturance to those who are often socially isolated.

It can be said that the agency has made a positive impact on immigrants and refugees because of its ability to provide ethnic-match services, in terms of language and culture-sensitivity, to a growing population of mainly Cantonese-Mandarin speaking people. Further, it is helping to encourage individuals to overcome the stigma, or guilt, that is often experienced in addressing mental health issues. Individuals, couples and families are learning that it is better to seek help before such difficulties become severe, acute, or intractable.

Finally, the service provided by CMWAC is accessible to all who come through its doors, and is not limited by the financial means of the person(s) seeking assistance, which can be a restrictive variable with some mainstream and private services. The agency has been recognized by municipal, provincial and federal dignitaries as offering an invaluable service to the Richmond community, in particular, and was the recipient of a major award in 2003.

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Burnaby North, I am writing to offer my wholehearted support for the grant renewal application of the Peer Support Volunteers Program of the Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada.

Since 1995, the Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada has been providing very unique and valuable services to Chinese community in Lower Mainland. This Peer Support Volunteers Program does not only educate and support volunteers to participate in the meaningful services provided by the association, it also promotes the awareness of mental wellness in the community. In many ways, this Peer Support Volunteers Program is the first step for the public to become aware of and to get involved in promoting "mental wellness" among family and friends.

I have referred people to programs being offered by the Chinese Mental Wellness Association and have received good feedback. It is my sincerely request that the grant renewal application of the Peer Support Volunteers Program of Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada be re-considered favourably so that the group can continue their much needed services in the Chinese community.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Lee  
MLA for Burnaby North

✓ c.c. Ms. Ahlay Chin, Executive Director of Chinese Mental Wellness Association

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The Honourable Raymond Chan, P.C., M.P.

*Member of Parliament for Richmond*

February 20, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Ms. Alhay Chin and the Chinese Mental Wellness Association for about 8 years. We have developed a great working relationship with them and have worked out an informal working partnership: through a mutual referral service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond Chan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'R'.

The Honourable Raymond Chan, P.C., M.P.  
Member of Parliament for Richmond



Chinese Mental Wellness Association of Canada – Partnerships With Other Community Agencies	
Organization & Program/Project	Nature of Partnership (All Informal)
CMHA Vancouver/Burnaby Branch – Chinese Depression Screening Project	This project was undertaken two years ago, and CMWAC had a booth set up as part of an event associated with this project.
CMHA Richmond Branch – Providing housing support for Chinese clients	The CMWAC referred a client to the housing support program.
Richmond Mental Health Team – Continuation of support to the Chinese clients referred by the Team	Clients initially referred as part of the Peer Support Program but funding for this program was discontinued. Referrals are still made by RMHT to some of the CMWAC social programs.
Regional Peer Support Committee – Strategic Planning for Peer Support	CMWAC is a member of this committee.
Regional Hospital (2 West) – To provide peer support to the Chinese clients regularly	Peer Support Program no longer funded but referrals made to CMWAC social programs.
Richmond Rehabilitation and Housing Committee & Richmond Consumers Families	CMWAC is a member of these committees.
Affordable Housing Strategy Committee (City of Richmond) – Strategic planning of housing	CMWAC participated in a Stakeholders Consultation.
Richmond Disability Resource Centre – Mutual promotion of mental health wellness education	DRC delivered a workshop to CMWAC clients regarding how to apply for disability benefits. Inter-referrals are made between the two agencies.
Senior Chinese Society of Vancouver – Mutual support for Asian seniors	CMWAC provides a meeting space for Seniors to learn English (see attached letter).
Morning Star Choir – To support members to join the Choir for therapeutic healing by singing	The Morning Star Choir has fund-raised on behalf of CMWAC but they do not work together with the Choir of Love.
Riverview Hospital – To provide volunteer services	CMWAC visits the Riverview site once or twice a year and receives orientation from Riverview staff, and provides orientation regarding their programs. CMWAC also organizes a Christmas social event at Riverview.
BC Schizophrenia Society – Joint promotion of mental wellness education and support for Chinese clients	Inter-referrals are made.