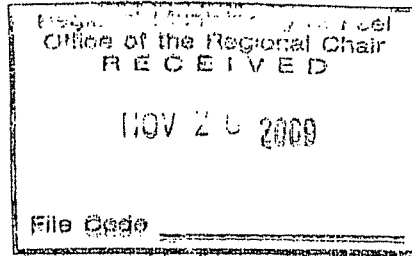


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Dear Mr. Kolb,

On behalf of the Peel Chinese Community Service Hub's work group, I am writing to thank you for your letter of support in favour of the establishment of the hub which our application has been approved by Ontario Trillium Foundation.

This is an exciting and yet encouraging news to the work group as the funder also identified the needs of this infrastructure in bringing together local Chinese residents with a broad range of services and programs that are linguistically accessible and culturally relevant. The hub also facilitates social engagement and cultivates volunteerism among local residents, with special focus on Chinese immigrants.

We are looking forward to the opening of the service hub and the partnership with Peel Region in bringing multiple services more easily accessible in a single location to the Chinese community.

Thank you once again for your support in making this happened for the community in the Peel Region.

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Yours sincerely,

Danny Mui
Chair, Peel Chinese Community Service Hub Core Group
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cc Ms. Josephine Bau - Specialist, Community Engagement
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Attention: Mr. Danny Mui
Re: Application to the Trillium Foundation for funding of Chinese Community Service Hub in Peel Region.

Dear Mr. Mui:

I am writing in response to a request received from the Mayor of Mississauga, Hazel McCallion for a letter of support in favour of the creation of the Peel Chinese Community Service Hub. I understand that as a result of a Mississauga Chinese service provider roundtable meeting in October 2008, and a recommendation of the Chinese Advisory Council of the United Way of Peel Region, a number of organizations serving the Chinese community and mainstream organizations have formed a collaborative partnership and developed a proposal to create a one stop centre for services and referrals for Chinese residents in Peel.

The Region of Peel is supportive of this proposal to meet the growing and complex needs of the Chinese community and assist with their integration and full involvement in the larger community. The Region of Peel not only supports this proposal, but is an active part of the collaborative that is proposing the community service hub.

The purpose and many of the intended outcomes and goals of the Peel Chinese Community Service Hub align themselves with the Region of Peel's objectives and actions to meet the growing and changing needs of immigrant communities. They are also in line with the draft strategies of the Peel Newcomer Strategy Group, a local immigration planning initiative funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada to develop a community plan to successfully settle and integrate newcomers in Peel.

Specifically, the Peel Chinese Community Hub will make services more physically accessible to the Chinese community by grouping multiple services in a single accessible location. The co-location of various services, including health, employment and social supports in one location will address the full range of needs of the Chinese community from new entrants to the labour market, to seniors and the disabled. The hub will also make the services more linguistically and culturally accessible to the Chinese community. The proposal also fosters and facilitates

increased collaboration and partnership between mainstream agencies and immigrant serving agencies and promotes inter-agency collaboration.

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This initiative will also encourage mainstream organizations like the Region of Peel to provide services more effectively to newcomer communities. By working with settlement service providers, the Region along with other mainstream agencies like the United Way can pilot approaches to reduce cultural and linguistic barriers to service. By being part of the partnership the Region can better tailor current services (e.g. child care) and new services to better meet the needs of newcomers. Finally, this partnership to create a Peel service centre hub affords the Region of Peel the following opportunities:

- an opportunity to engage, and do outreach to, the Chinese community
- a venue to provide services at a low cost
- access to Chinese speaking residents about volunteering opportunities at the Region

The Region of Peel looks forward to working with the other partner agencies in the creation of the Peel Chinese Community Hub. This initiative will allow the Peel community to test some of the draft strategies stemming from the work of the Peel Newcomer Strategy Group. The proposal would also help to promote the settlement and integration of the Chinese community into the social, economical and cultural fabric of our community. This initiative represents one small step toward building a more receptive and welcoming community here in Peel and promotes the full participation of all Peel residents in our society.

If you have any questions or require additional information about our support of and involvement in this proposal, please contact Janet Menard, Commissioner of Human Services, at 905 791 7800 ext. 4439.

Sincerely,



Emil Kolb
Chair
Region of Peel

cc. Hazel, McCallion, Mayor of Mississauga
Audrey Chiang, Chair, Mississauga Board of Chinese Professionals & Businesses
Shelley White, Executive Director, Peel United Way