

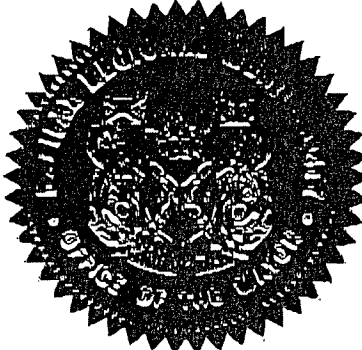


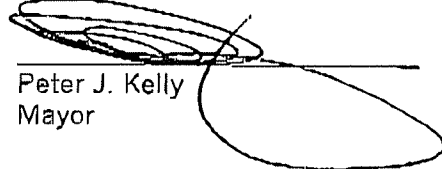
*Proclamation*  
*Chinese Canadian Head Tax Redress Day*  
**June 22, 2007**

- WHEREAS Chinese labour was used to build the Canadian Pacific Railway to fulfil the National Dream and unite the country from west to east, with Chinese workers earning 75 cents per day;
- WHEREAS in 1885, after the Last Spike was driven, the Canadian government imposed a \$50 head tax in an effort to restrict Chinese immigration, a tax which, by 1903, was raised to \$500, a sum worth two years wages at the time; and
- WHEREAS on July 1, 1923, the Chinese Exclusion Act was passed to stop Chinese immigration; and
- WHEREAS for the next 24 years, this racist and hurtful legislation separated families until it was finally repealed in 1947, and Chinese Canadians regained the right to vote; and
- WHEREAS on June 22, 2006, the Canadian Government offered a parliamentary apology for the injustice and racial discrimination of the Chinese Head Tax and Chinese Exclusion Act and recognized the suffering of individual Chinese Canadians, their families, and the entire Chinese Canadian community that resulted from this legislation discrimination, including the emotional and financial hardship, and the forced separation of families;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Mayor Peter J. Kelly, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2007, as *Chinese Canadian Head Tax Redress Day* in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 22 day of June, 2007.



  
Peter J. Kelly  
Mayor