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April 15, 2009

Philippe Souvestre
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BC Qualified Acupuncturists and TCM Practitioners Association
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Richmond, BC V6X 3P7

Dear Philippe Souvestre;

Re: Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Day of B.C.

Thank you for your letter regarding the campaign to mark the third Sunday of April as Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Day of B.C.

While the issuance of proclamations by the District has been discontinued, your letter will appear under "Correspondence" on our public agenda.

Many thanks for your willingness to raise public awareness of this issue.

Sincerely,

Pamela Goldsmith-Jones
Mayor, District of West Vancouver



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April 8, 2009

Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones

District of West Vancouver

750 – 17th Street

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Cc: District of West Vancouver Councillors

Re: An application to recognize the third Sunday of April 2009 (April 19, 2009) as “Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Day of B.C.”

Your Worship:

In April 2008, British Columbia became the first province to add “*Acupuncture*” into the MSP system. Members of the Board of QATCMA and all Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioners are very proud of this accomplishment.

Therefore, we would like to request your permission to set the third Sunday of April, 2009 as “*Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Day of BC*”. To do so would *promote* the practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, provide an opportunity to *educate* the public about our traditional methods to attain a state of wellness and to *commemorate* this historic event.

As you are no doubt aware, Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture services have existed in Burnaby for more than 30 years and been provincially regulated since 1996. Currently there are about total 874 registrants of the CTCMA (College of Traditional Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC) practicing in the Lower Mainland, BC. Each day there are approximately 17,400 visits to Traditional Chinese Medicine Clinic/Herbal stores.

On this special day that we propose to you, our industry practitioners would volunteer their services to the citizens of Burnaby in order to introduce our healthcare methods and raise awareness of the benefits of traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture. On April 16, 2009, our association will organize “Annual TCM Acupuncture Day” together with BC Children’s Hospital Foundation to raise funds for BC Children’s Hospital. In 2007, we have hosted “Give the Gift of Love – Annual TCM Acupuncture Day” jointly with the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society.

We hope you will join with us to recognize this “Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Day” in order to celebrate the anniversary of this historic step forward in healthcare for the citizens of British Columbia.

We look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Philippe Souvestre

Vice President, Chair of Communication