



THE HELSON GALLERY

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# CANADIANS IN CHENGDU

Historic photographs from Sichuan, China  
1892-1952



## A message from the Mayor

Canadians in Chengdu (China) is a fascinating and poignant visual history of Canadian missionaries who lived in China between 1892 and 1952; this exhibit is a gift to Canadians from Chinese historians, artists and corporate donors. It recognizes and appreciates the many courageous Canadians who made Sichuan, China, their home over 100 years ago. These missionaries contributed to medical and educational modernization in China.

Halton Hills will celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017 with a wide variety of events and attractions designed to showcase our beautiful region, its citizens and its history. This event launches our celebrations for this significant year by honouring the unique and fruitful relationship with our sister city, Wenjiang. Thank you for joining us today.



Mayor Rick Bonnette

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welcomes you to today's official opening of  
"Canadians in Chengdu (China)" at the Helson Gallery  
Saturday January 14, 2017 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

欢迎光临，感谢您来参加今日的庆典活动。

### Programme

The John Elliott Theatre

### Introductions:

Jane Diamanti, Commissioner of Community Services

### Opening Remarks:

Mayor Rick Bonnette

### Honored Speakers:

**Marion Walker, Exhibition Committee Lead**

Marion was born in China and attended the Canadian School in Chengdu.

### Kevin Best

Kevin's grandfather lived in Chengdu for many years where he was the first Professor of Medicine at the University. He continues to work on strong collaborative relationships with China.

### Acknowledgements:

Judy Daley, Curator, Helson Gallery

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Cash Bar and Refreshments (lower lobby)

Immediately following: Helson Gallery (upper level) Photographic Exhibit

This exhibit runs at the Helson Gallery through to February 26, 2017.  
Pianist: Philip John Lewin