

Memorials in Chinatown

The Chinese Railroad Workers and Chinese Veterans Memorial at the Chinatown Memorial Plaza recognizes those who fought in World War II (1939-1945) and those who built the Rocky Mountain and Fraser Canyon portions of the Canadian Pacific Railway (1881-1885). On Remembrance Day, a ceremony for Chinese Canadian veterans takes place at the site. The Chinatown Memorial Monument is by sculptor Arthur Shu-ren Cheng and was unveiled November 2003. The bronze statues of the railway worker and the World War II veteran represent the sacrifices made by Chinese Canadians in building a united and prosperous Canada. The main column is a stylized form of the Chinese character “centre” which symbolizes Chinese culture.

Two wall plaques at the entrance to the courtyard of the Chinese Cultural Centre were placed to remember the Chinese Canadian World War Two veterans and the contributions of the CPR labourers.