

Kootenay Co-op Radio, CJLY, 93.5FM, Nelson BC

Chinese Feed

“The Chinese Community of Nelson–As–Was and How Did It Get Here?”

16 weekly chapters/ 30 minutes
Currently in reruns – Monday, 8:30am
For further information and podcasts: Google – Chinese Feed

There is no officially recorded history of Nelson; its non–history is not taught in Nelson’s schools; the general public is largely unaware of it – even less so of the Chinese contribution to putting BC and Nelson on the map.

From the Five Counties in Guangdong (1793) to Fort Victoria and Nanaimo; the CPR; mining in the Kootenays and eventually ending–up in Nelson’s Lower Hill Chinatown – this program is presented with a Chinese–Canadian perspective.

Hard is the journey,
Hard is the journey;

So many turns,
And now where am I?
Li Po

BIO

After living in China for 14 years, I returned to Canada in 2007 and here found a lack of interest in China beyond that portrayed by corporate media. So I produced “Chinese Feed” – 32 weekly non–political pictures in 30 minutes of my life in China, for Kootenay Co–op Radio, Nelson BC.

After the 27th episode I found out that KCR has actually been broadcasting from the former Laundry of Infinite Achievements in Nelson’s Chinatown for years. Until that point I had not even been aware of a Chinatown in Nelson – now invisible as such – and nobody anywhere had brought it up! Why not? Why a general silence around a Chinese community in Nelson?

Curiouser and curiouser – and the next version of Chinese Feed emerged as – **“The Chinese Community of Nelson–As–Was and How Did It Get Here?”** This program has taken–on a life of its own – taking me along on a leash – and made me rather political.

Claus Schunke/Lao Xun Ke
chinesefeed@yahoo.com