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### Mamma Poon's choice for Mayor

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Kitty Lee knows what's cooking in the kitchen, and she also thinks she knows who'll cook as North Bay's next mayor.

Lee, better known as Mama Poon for the restaurant of the same name she once owned on Algonquin Street, says she backs Vic Fedeli for the city's top political job.

And to make sure Chinese voters in North Bay back Fedeli too, she held a lunch Sunday to introduce him to the local community.

"I've known Vic and his family for many years and they are good people," Lee said.

"I want to help him from my heart and I want to see him go, go, go."

All the way to the mayor's chair, Lee added.

"Vic is a very successful businessman and I think he could persuade other businessmen from outside the city to come in and invest money in North Bay," Lee said.

"I think Vic could help make North Bay a better city."

Fedeli pressed the flesh and socialized before making a few informal remarks.

"The Chinese community here will never have a better friend in city hall than Vic Fedeli," he said.

"I am Italian, but while I've been to Italy only once in my life, I've been to Asia 20 times and it's my favorite part of the world."

Fedeli added he'd like to see more people coming to North Bay from overseas to help it grow, "but you need opportunity, you need to have a business opportunity."

He then outlined what he'd do and why if elected.

It's unlikely most people in the room understood what Fedeli was saying, but it didn't really matter since Lee has translated his campaign material into Chinese.

