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**NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE ENDOWMENT COUNCIL OF
THE CANADIAN FIRST WORLD WAR INTERNMENT RECOGNITION FUND**

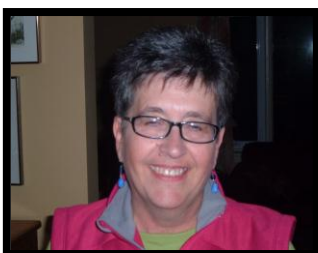
The Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Emil Yereniuk by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress as its representative on the Endowment Council.



A lifelong Edmontonian, Emil Yereniuk is the National President of Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (USRA), Vice President of USRA Edmonton Branch, Vice President Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada National Executive (USRL), Second Vice President Ukrainian Canadian Congress National Executive (UCC), Chair of the UCC Internment Committee, and he sits on the Alberta/Ukraine legislative committee (ACUAR). He has held various positions including the St John's Cathedral Council presidency, Alberta CYC Provincial Executive Director, and has been a veteran Long-Term and Short-Term Observer of the presidential and parliamentary elections in Ukraine since 2004.

Emil was a teacher and Vice Principal within the Sturgeon School Division for 33 years, and since retiring became a University of Alberta facilitator assisting student teachers in their 3rd and 4th years of practicum teaching.

The Endowment Council is also pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of the Shevchenko Foundation has appointed Ms. Louise Kilby as this year's internee descendant representative on the Endowment Council.



Paul Laszewski, the great grandfather of Louise Kilby, was interned at the Kapuskasing (Ontario) Internment Camp. Louise is a retired adult educator and community development practitioner with experience in government and the non-profit sector. She currently lives in Vancouver where she spends time with her grandchildren and doing genealogical research. She has written a number of narrative poems on the generational impact of the internment camps on her family.



On behalf of all the members of the Endowment Council, Chair Ivan Grbešić officially extended thanks and good wishes to Olya Grod, the outgoing representative of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress for her contributions to the Endowment Council. Olya's input during her six-year term has been gratefully appreciated and the Endowment Council would like to acknowledge that she has played an instrumental role as a founding Endowment Council member and served with distinction during her term.

Special acknowledgement is given in respect of her role in the organization and implementation of the CFWWIRF Commemoration Stamp unveiling ceremony in the Senate of Canada, by Senator Raynell Andreychuk. These commemorative stamps can now be purchased through the CFWWIRF office.



The Chair also extended thanks and good wishes to Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch, internee descendant representative, for her contributions to the work of the Endowment Council during her one-year term. Marsha has provided numerous presentations on the issue of internment at various elementary schools in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

About CFWWIRF

The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund was established to support projects that commemorate and recognize the experiences of all of the ethno-cultural communities affected by Canada's first national internment operations of 1914 to 1920.

For more information on the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund contact the Program Manager, Andrea Malysh, toll free at 1-866-288-7931.

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