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**ENDOWMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS OF
THE CANADIAN FIRST WORLD WAR INTERNMENT RECOGNITION FUND
MEET IN WINNIPEG, MANITOBA TO APPROVE GRANTS**

On June 23, 2018, the Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF) held a meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba, site of a receiving station where over 100 years ago hundreds of so-called “enemy aliens” were detained during Canada’s first national internment operations of 1914 to 1920.

The Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund met to review applications and grant funding to variety of new initiatives intended to recognize and commemorate the experiences of the 8,579 "enemy aliens" (including, among others, Ukrainians, Croats, Poles, Bulgarians, Romanians, Serbians, and various people from the Ottoman Empire), who were interned in 24 receiving stations and camps across Canada from 1914-1920, including a receiving station in Winnipeg.

For a full report on the projects funded by the CFWWIRF Endowment Council look for the upcoming 2018 Annual Report on the CFWWIRF website in August.

The Endowment Council includes representatives from the Ukrainian, Romanian, Bulgarian and Serbian communities and an internee descendant.

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.

8,579 so-called "enemy aliens", including women and children, were interned, including Ukrainians, Alevi Kurds, Armenians, Bulgarians, Croatians, Czechs, Germans, Hungarians, Italians, Jews, Ottoman Turks, Polish, Romanians, Russians, Serbians, Slovaks, and Slovenes, among others, of which most were Ukrainians and most were civilians.



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Endowment Council members left to right:

Borys Sydoruk, Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association; Andrea Malysh, Program Manager; Andrew Hladyshevsky Q.C., President, Shevchenko Foundation; Viorel Oros, Romanian community; Emil Yereniuk, CFWWIRF Chair; Anton Minkov, Bulgarian Community; Pierre Pawliw, Internee Descendant; and Alexandra Chyczij, Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

Missing from photo: Tanja Zec O'Neill, Serbian Community

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