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Save the Date: Opening Ceremony of Parks Canada's Exhibit of Canada's First World War Internment Operations, 1914 to 1920

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA – June 4, 2019 – The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF) Parks Canada, and The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association encourage you to save the date to attend the opening ceremony for Parks Canada's Exhibit of Canada's First World War Internment Operations 1914-1920.

This event will take place on Saturday June 22 at 1:00 p.m. MDT near the Natural Bridge in Yoho National Park, BC.

Located west of Field, BC, Camp Otter in Yoho National Park housed up to 200 internees who were unjustly interned as enemy aliens from 1915-1916 under the War Measures Act. During Canada's first national internment operations of 1914-1920, over 8,000 people were sent to 24 camps across Canada including camps in Banff, Jasper, Mount Revelstoke and Yoho national parks.

"The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF) is pleased to provide funding towards the John Boxtel statue, "Last Man Standing" for the Parks Canada Yoho National Park Internment commemoration project. Mr. Boxtel has created a cross Canada legacy trail of meaningful statues that question the decisions made by the Government to impose the War Measures Act against innocent men, women and children during Canada's first national internment operations of 1914 to 1920."

Emil Yereniuk

Chair of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund

The new exhibit is located near the Natural Bridge, en route to Emerald Lake, 4 km west of Field, BC in Yoho National Park.

Invitations and additional information to follow.

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About CFWWIRF

The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF) 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 this event or 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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