

## To All Affected Communities of Canada's first national internment operations, 1914 to 1920

During Canada's first national internment operations of 1914-1920 thousands of men, women and children were branded as "enemy aliens." Many were imprisoned. Stripped of what little wealth they had, forced to do heavy labour in Canada's hinterlands, they were also disenfranchised and subjected to other state sanctioned censures not because of anything they had done but only because of where they had come from, who they were.

In May 2008 the Ukrainian Canadian community and the Government of Canada reached an agreement establishing an endowment fund called the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund to support projects that commemorate and recognize the experiences of the ethno-cultural communities affected by Canada's first national internment operations of 1914–1920. The work of the Fund is overseen by the Endowment Council comprised of seven members and an internee descendent representative.

Your organization has been identified as a representative group from a community that may have been affected by Canada's First World War internment operations of 1914-1920. To ensure appropriate representation on the Endowment Council, we encourage those organizations that represent the affected communities to nominate individuals that are knowledgeable about this period of Canada's history. The submitted names will be considered as potential candidates for the Endowment Council.

The Endowment Council is currently seeking three representatives from the affected communities. These appointments are for a two year fixed term.

We invite you to submit names of individuals along with their resumes by April 30, 2014. Please complete the attached form and submit with their resume.

We also request that if you are an umbrella organization in your community, that you disseminate this information to your branches across Canada.

Please submit names to:

The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund 202- 952 Main Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R2W- 3P4

Attention: Andrea Malysh, Program Manager

If you require more information please contact the Program Manager toll free at 1-866-288-7931.

Yours truly,

Andrea Malysh Program Manager

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