

The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF) Endowment Council teleconference was held on October 6, 2010.

The Official Opening of the Spirit Lake Internment Historic Interpretive Centre

will be held on Friday, December 10, 2010, 2:00PM

La Ferme, Québec (near Amos, Northern Quebec)

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This initiative is the largest financial project to date of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund.

The Kapuskasing Cemetery historic monument restoration is now complete with the financial assistance of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund. “The commemorative plaque, the cross and the cannonballs have been saved and reused,” explained Julie Latimer, Curator of the Ron Morel Memorial Museum. “But the monument itself could not be repaired and the surrounding base was completely sunk.” Ward Construction was hired to completely demolish the old monument, build a new base and recreate the monument itself using drawings from Anne Juneau. “The new monument is restored to the original,” said Ms Latimer. “It includes a full base and a surrounding walkway. As well, all the larger rocks that were inside the monument have been kept to create a rock fence. This is now a permanent fixture in the cemetery, running from the first burial plot, along the southern part of the fence and finishes at the monument. Next year, we start work on the second phase of the project, fixing up the internees’ grave markers.” The monument was built by internees and prisoners of war in 1918.

Lord Cultural Resources facilitated the first Symposium of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (CFWWIRF), held in Kingston, Ontario from 17-20, June 2010. The Symposium, organized by the CFWWIRF Endowment Council, brought together artists, community stakeholders, descendants, and cultural professionals to devise initiatives that will commemorate the victims of Canada’s first national internment operations, and to educate the public about the internment and its importance to our national narrative as Canadians. The Symposium was a great success and resulted in many unique ideas for initiatives moving forward. Lord Cultural Resources has produced a report of the outcomes of the Symposium as well as recommendations for the next steps. The Endowment Council has approved Education as their priority as a result of the Lord summary report. The Endowment Council recommends all grant applicants to review the Lord summary report prior to applying for funding to the Fund. The summary report is available to view or download from the CFWWIRF website, www.internmentcanada.ca.

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