

## **Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund February Update**

### ***The Affirmation of Witnesses***

This document referenced below provides information about the causes and consequences of Canada's first national internment operations. It can be found on the website of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund ([www.internmentcanada.ca](http://www.internmentcanada.ca)). Tabled with Parks Canada's representatives on 7 February 2011, in Banff National Park, it is anticipated that it will form the basis for the exhibit being developed at Cave & Basin, set to open in the summer of 2012. Please circulate information about this document to others. Your support is needed to ensure that this historical injustice is recognized for what it was, and that the voices of those who endured internment, confiscation of their wealth, forced labour, disfranchisement and many other state-sanctioned indignities, are not forgotten.

[http://www.internmentcanada.ca/The\\_Affirmation\\_of\\_Witness.pdf](http://www.internmentcanada.ca/The_Affirmation_of_Witness.pdf)

### **2010 Annual Report**

The 2010 Annual Report of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund is available online. Go to [www.internmentcanada.ca](http://www.internmentcanada.ca) to view this document. To request a hard copy please contact the Program Manager.

### **National Advertising Campaign – “What’s in your Trunk?”**

“What’s in your Trunk?” is the theme of a national advertisement campaign launched on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The advertisement ran in the Quebec Chronicle on January 12<sup>th</sup>, the Sault Star on January 15<sup>th</sup> and in the Jasper Fitzhugh on January 10<sup>th</sup> along with an article on the Jasper Internment camp. It continues to run in the 24 community newspapers where internment camps existed on the respective opening dates of those internment camps. The campaign concludes on October 13<sup>th</sup> with the Saskatoon Star Phoenix. The Endowment Council is interested in locating artefacts from the First World War internment operations of 1914 to 1920.

### **Endowment Council Positions**

The Endowment Council is currently seeking three representatives from affected communities for positions on the Council beginning July 2011. The work of the CFWWIRF is overseen by the Endowment Council which is comprised of seven members and an internee descendant representative. To ensure appropriate representation on the Endowment Council, we encourage organizations that represent the affected communities to nominate individuals who are knowledgeable about this period in Canada’s history. The submitted names will be considered as potential candidates for Endowment Council appointments. We invite all affected community groups or individuals to submit names along with their resumes by April 1, 2011.

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