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**OFFICIAL UNVEILING OF INTERNMENT MURAL AT THE COLLEGE OF NEW CALEDONIA IN PRINCE GEORGE, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund, in partnership with the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, British Columbia, invite the public to the official unveiling of the internment art mural project “*Shadows of the Past*” by artist Betty Kovacic.

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Time: 1:00pm

Place: College of New Caledonia  
3330-22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Prince George, BC

“Shadows of the Past” provides an opportunity for a greater understanding of the events that happened in Canada during the First World War. The level of research undertaken by the artist resulted in the growth of a deep compassion and empathy for both the internees and their families. In addition to creatively recounting information in the mural the artist wanted to express her dismay, sadness and indignation about this tragic page in Canada’s history. She also wished to depict and express the internee’s strength in dealing with the physical, emotional, and spiritual hardships of life in an internment camp.

The mural also recognizes that while a large number of persons endured unjust treatment during the First World War, many of the internees and their families chose to stay in Canada and went on to greatly contribute to the overall richness of Canada.

## **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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