



William Borys Sydoruk

Community Development

William Borys Sydoruk is a Calgary born into a Ukrainian immigrant family. Borys was active in his youth with the Ukrainian Youth Association of Canada (CYM), Calgary Branch. He was active in organizing youth leadership camps and the CYM Olympic Camp for the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.

Borys is one of the founding members of the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association and the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation. Along with other leaders, Borys played a vital role in helping to secure recognition and redress regarding Canada's first national internment operations of 1914-1920. He has been involved with the placement of dozens of historic markers and statues across Canada aimed at recognition of the Internment. Borys served as a member on the Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund.

Borys initiated and supported national and international campaigns aimed at raising awareness of the Holodomor. Together with UCC Calgary, UCPBA and UCCLA, he facilitated the installation of a Holodomor monument in Calgary. He helped secure funding, design, create and distribute educational Holodomor banners to communities across Canada in 2018.

Borys made significant contributions to honour and promote the legacy of the Ukrainian Canadian war heroes, including Cpl. Filip Konowal, a recipient of the Victoria Cross. He also honoured Ukrainian Canadian veterans of the Second World War through plaque and statue installations in Canada and the U.K.

As a founding Member and Treasurer of both UCCLA and its charitable sister organization, the UCCLF, Borys fostered the development of the Ukrainian Canadian national community organizational capacity and financial stewardship.

Borys is an active member of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation in Calgary. For his dedication and major contributions to the Ukrainian community, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Ukrainian Canadian Professional & Business Association of Calgary.