



КОНГРЕС УКРАЇНЦІВ КАНАДИ
Провінційна Рада Британської Колумбії

UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS
British Columbia Provincial Council

**Ukrainian Canadian Congress – British Columbia Provincial Council
Annual Report (2020-2021)**

I. UCC-BC Provincial Council 2020-2021 Board structure:

President – Nataliya Jatskevich
1st Vice President – Iryna Shyroka
2nd Vice President – Devon Sereda Goldie
Secretary – Vitaliy Kubatskyi
Treasurer - Lidia Slobodian
Community Outreach – Victoria Grando

II. UCC-BC Provincial Council Board meetings held in 2020-2021:

2019-2020 AGM: October 24, 2020;

Board meetings: December 07, 2020; January 17, 2021; April 16, 2021; July 23, 2021;

III. Community events and projects, organized/co-organized/coordinated/attended by UCC-BC Provincial Council in 2020-2021:

Date	Event	Comments
October 19, 2020	Online BC Election Forum	Prepared and executed by UCC National and UCC BCPC. This event was the first-ever BC Ukrainian Canadian Provincial Election Forum. Through this virtual election forum, our community learned more about the policy platforms of BC parties on important topics for our community such as multiculturalism, the arts, education, and support for newcomers. The event was moderated by Natalie Jatskevich. Our guests were: Ukrainian Canadian community: Devon Goldie (UCC Victoria), Iryna Shyroka (UCC Vancouver), Peter Bihun (Ukrainian community in Kelowna). PC political parties: Hon. Bruce Ralston, BC NDP, Surrey-Whalley; Alex Read BC Liberal Party Vancouver-Hastings; Jonah Timms BC Green Party, Fraser-Nicola.
October 21-23, 2020	Embassy of Ukraine in Canada Consulate of Ukraine in Canada –	UCC BCPC coordinated meeting between Ukrainian Canadian community representatives from Vancouver and Victoria and representatives of the Embassy of Ukraine in Canada (Ambassador Andriy Shevchenko) and the Consulate of Ukraine in Canada (First Secretary Olena Penteleichuk). Cooperation in

	meetings with BC communities	organising cultural events for our communities was discussed.
November 07, 2020	UCC National AGM	UCC BCPC members represented BC at the UCC National AGM (held online due to COVID 19 restrictions). Attendees: Natalie Jatskevich, Iryna Shyroka, Devon Goldie.
November 13, 2020	UCC National meeting with the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development	UCC BCPC was represented by Natalie Jatskevich at the UCC National meeting with the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. The meeting was focused on the impact of COVID 19 on the Ukrainian Canadian community. Ongoing need for supporting the community non-profit sector, community art groups, community centers was discussed. Community activities such as organizing online Ukrainian schools, supporting senior homes, checking on elderly community members, providing up to date pandemic information for community members were discussed. Yvan Baker, MP joined the meeting.
November 22, 2020	Holodomor Commemoration event	Coordinated by UCC-BCPC. Due to COVID 19 restrictions on holding in-person community events, Ukrainian Canadian community in BC was invited to participate in National Virtual Holodomor Commemoration event, organized by UCC National. UCC BCPC coordinators: Iryna Shyroka and Devon Goldie.
November 28, 2020	Holodomor Awareness public action “Light Up Your Candle of Remembrance”	Coordinated by UCC BCPC. Via social media and emails, our community members were encouraged to light up their Candles of Remembrance at home in commemoration of the victims of Holodomor 1932-33. Community members posted their photos of Candles of Remembrance online to raise Holodomor public awareness in BC. UCC BCPC coordinators – Natalie Jatskevich, Iryna Shyroka, Devon Goldie, Victoria Grando.
January 17, 2021	UCC BCPC – Ukrainian Christmas Online	Organized by UCC BCPC. Attended by UCC BCPC, UCC Vancouver and UCC Victoria Branches representatives. Goal: supporting Ukrainian traditions, teambuilding. UCC BCPC coordinator – Natalie Jatskevich
January 27, 2021	We Remember – International Holocaust Remembrance Day campaign	Natalie Jatskevich represented BCPC in UCC National International Holocaust Remembrance Day campaign “ We Remember ” and encouraged our community members to show their support by posting their support messages on social media.

February 27, 2021	Zoom Presentation of the Ukrainian animation film “MAVKA”, dedicated to 150th anniversary of Lesia Ukrainka.	Initiated and supported by UCC BCPC and organized and hosted by the Embassy of Ukraine in Canada. BC Ukrainian Canadian community members were invited to join online presentation of a new animation “MAVKA, The Forrest Song”, based on of the most famous Lesia Ukrainka’s poetic work. Our attendees had a chance to watch the latest trailer and an exclusive backstage video on the animation creation process, meet MAVKA’s production team: Anna Yeliseeva, Iryna Kostyuk, Oleg Malamuzh. The event had over 200 attendees, including BC community members. UCC BCPC coordinator: Natalie Jatskevich
March 13, 2021	Online presentation and discussion of a new Ukrainian movie “Taras. Returning”, dedicated to 207th anniversary of Taras Shevchenko	Organized by the Embassy of Ukraine in Canada and supported by UCC BCPC. Our community members were invited to join online screening of a new Ukrainian movie “Taras. Returning” by Olexandr Denysenko (director), that depicts Taras Shevchenko’s exile in Kazakhstan. Shevchenko is Ukrainian foremost poet of the 19 th century and a major figure of the Ukrainian national revival. After the screening, our attendees were invited to an online discussion with the movie production team: Olexandr Denysenko (Director), Borys Orlov (Actor), Olexandr Kyshtalovych (Cameraman). The event had over 100 attendees, including BC community members. UCC BCPC coordinator: Natalie Jatskevich
June 1, 2021	Ties That Bind – Canada, USA and Ukraine online webinar	UCC BCPC (Natalie Jatskevich) attended the webinar Ties That Bind – Canada, USA and Ukraine organized by UCC National and Embassies of Ukraine in Canada and the United States. Invited speakers: Andriy Shevchenko, Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada; Oksana Markarova, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States; and Roman Washchuk, former Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine.
June 25, 2021	Ukrainian radio in BC Nash Holos - interview	Natalie Jatskevich was invited to Ukrainian Radio Nash Holos interview about Ukrainian Canadian community in BC and UCC National community engagement survey.
June-July, 2021	Canada Summer Job –UCC BCPC Community Outreach student	UCC BCPC supervised a student to support UCC BCPC projects. Financed by Canada Summer Job funding and UCC National, Vladyslava Kozachok worked on the following projects: information packages for BC MPs and MLAs about UCC BCPC and Ukrainian Canadian community in BC; UCC National community survey in BC, UCC BCPC website – content development; UCC Vancouver members survey – technical support; UCC Vancouver

		Independence Day event – set up and food stand support; Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko – membership updates; Ukrainian Canadian Studies Foundation (Vancouver) – book about the history of our community in BC, technical support;
July 14, 2021	UCC National meeting with the Honourable Michael Chong	UCC BCPC was represented by Natalie Jatskevich at the UCC National meeting with the Honourable Michael Chong, PC, MP, the Official Opposition Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Minister was briefed on UCC’s policy recommendations regarding Canada-Ukraine relations and Russian aggression in Ukraine.
August 24, 2021	30th Anniversary of the restoration of Ukraine’s Independence	UCC BCPC was represented by Natalie Jatskevich in UCC National video greetings from Ukrainian Canadian community on 30 th Anniversary of the Restoration of Ukraine’s Independence.
August 28, 2021	United by Ukrainian Flag event	UCC BCPC coordinated United by Ukrainian Flag event, initiated by the Embassy of Ukraine in Canada. Consul Olexandr Danyleiko met with Victoria, Vancouver and Kelowna communities to engage our community members in a worldwide event with 30 meters long Ukrainian flag. The event was dedicated to the 30 th Anniversary of the restoration of Ukraine’s Independence.
October 08, 2021	BC Holodomor Monument Committee meeting	UCC BCPC representative (Natalie Jatskevich) participated in BC Holodomor Monument Committee meeting.
November 15, 2021 – scheduled	Meeting with Mayor of Vancouver Kennedy Stewart	UCC BCPC and UCC Vancouver leadership, and Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Vancouver are meeting with Mayor of Vancouver to discuss possible locations for Holodomor Monument.

Nataliya Jatskevich, President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress – BC Provincial Council.
November 04, 2021.