

**The Ireland Monument – Canada *Séadcomrtha na hÉireann – Ceanada*
In Recognition of the contribution of the Irish people to Canada.
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1 During 2007, the Ireland Monument Committee opened a project account at The Royal Bank of Canada in Vancouver to receive contributions from supporters. The Bank noted that a monthly service charge would be included.

2 In May 2009 Brendan Flynn and Al McCabe met with Mr. Ross McKenzie CFP and Conor O'Reilly B. Comm. Consultant of Investors Group in Vancouver to review the opportunities of maintaining the current account balance.

3 The committee proposes to move the project account from The Royal Bank of Canada to Investors Group on 15th June 2009. Investors group guarantee that no service charges will be levied on the account and the account will receive minimal interest depending on the account. The funds will not be placed or transferred to a risk type account, i.e. Mutual Fund. This note is specifically directed to the financial contributors of the Ireland Monument noted at <http://www.irelandmonumentvancouver.com/contributing-supporters/>

4 The committee understands that Investors Group may participate and organize fundraising events for the project. In addition the committee understands that Investors Group may consider sponsoring the project in the future. Contributors with no access to email will be contacted by phone and notified of the above.

5 Those contributors who have questions regarding the above are invited to contact the following

Brendan Flynn (604) 873-3167
Al McCabe (604) 942-6413
Conor O'Reilly (604) 682-5431 Investors Group Vancouver B.C.

6 On May 15th, the committee conducted an interview with *Raidió Fáilte* in Belfast Ireland regarding The Ireland Monument-Canada. We are very grateful to Conor O'Reilly for assisting the project by being available for questions from Gráinne McCarry who conducted the interview for *Raidió Fáilte* in Gaelic. The interview will be available to world wide listeners of *Raidió Fáilte* in the near future. The committee would like to express our thanks to Gráinne McCarry and Gerard Graham at *Raidió Fáilte* in Belfast for providing exposure to The Ireland Monument project. See <http://www.radiofailte.com/> for further details.

7 The committee is researching ways to provide recognition for those who make a financial contribution to the Ireland Monument. Individual, Family and Corporate contributions to the project may be identified on brick pavers around the Monument. There will be a limited number of bricks. Those interested may contact the committee to reserve a brick and thus ensure their name is included. The cost of bricks with names included will be confirmed as soon as possible.

8 The committee is very grateful to City of Vancouver Councilor Suzanne Anton, Tim Stevenson and Vancouver Parks Board Commissioner Ian Robertson for their recent assistance to the project. The committee hopes a new application to locate The Ireland Monument – Canada at John Hendry Park can be made in the near future. The Irish Community in Vancouver has had a long standing connection with John Hendry Park as the park has been a venue for Gaelic Football and Hurling for many years.

9 *Go raibh Míle math le gach duine.* (Thanks to Everyone)