

The Ireland Monument – Canada Séadcomrtha Na hÉireann – Ceanada

In Recognition of the contribution of the Irish people to Canada.

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- 1 Lá Shona Ceanada le gach duine! Happy Canada Day to Everyone!
- 2 All funds for the Ireland Monument Account have been transferred to Investors Group. As of today, contributions to the Ireland Monument- Canada project can be made at any Investors Group office. Refer to the website for details.
- 3 The committee is delighted to announce that we have recently received permission from Archbishop Miller at the Archdiocese of Vancouver to include the name of former Archbishop of Vancouver, James Carney on Side 3 of the Ireland Monument. Archbishop Carney was the Archbishop of Vancouver from 1969 till his death in 1990 and is renowned for his contribution to education in B.C. The committee conveys our thanks to Archbishop Miller and his assistants at the Archdiocese of Vancouver for agreeing to the inclusion of Archbishop Carney on the Ireland Monument.
- 4 Permission has also been received from Captain Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh to include his name on Side 3 of the Ireland Monument. Captain Mac Giolla Chainnigh, whose forebears come from Dungiven, County Derry, is also a Professor of Physics at the Canadian military college in Kingston Ontario. He is a fluent Irish speaker and a leading member of Cumann na Gaeltachta, organizers of the Gaeltacht Thuaisceart an Cileidín Úir (North American Gaeltacht) in Erinville/Tamworth, Ontario, the first designated Irish-speaking area outside of Ireland. At this time, Captain Mac Giolla Chainnigh is on duty with the Canadian Forces Campaign Evaluation team in Afghanistan.
- 5 Permission has been received from Dr. Peter Byrne, Civil Engineering Professor Emeritus at the University of British Columbia to include his name on Side 3 of the Ireland Monument. Dr. Byrne, was presented with the Julian C. Smith Medal in a ceremony held in Ottawa's Westin Hotel on March 7th 2009. The Medal is awarded annually by the Engineering Institute of Canada for "Achievement in the Development of Canada. Peter Byrne was born in Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin, and gained his first degree in engineering from University College, Dublin. He completed post-graduate studies at UBC and has worked at the university since 1967 and continues to work today as a geotechnical consultant. He is a recognized authority in improving earthquake engineering for major structures such as high dams, resulting in structures that are safer for the public. Professor Byrne has acted as a consultant on the seismic retrofit of a number of bridges in Greater Vancouver including Port Mann, Oak Street and Knight Street bridges as well as the George Massey tunnel. He has also acted as a review consultant to BC Hydro on a number of their dams including Coquitlam, Alouette, Revelstoke, and Bennett dams. He has also acted as a consultant on many International projects including the seismic design of mine waste dams in South America, Australia, New Zealand, and Vietnam as well as the seismic retrofit of the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) tunnel connecting San Francisco and Oakland.
- 6 The biographies of all names on Side 3 of the Ireland Monument can be viewed on the Ireland Monument – Canada website. All names are selected for the individual's contribution to Canada and their Irish birth or Ancestry only.
- 7 For your information, on this 142nd Anniversary of Canada as a nation, two names included in the 100 names on the Ireland Monument – Canada are former Prime Minister Lester Pearson whose parents come from Dublin and Mr. Patrick Reid from Donegal. In doing so both gave Canada its world wide identity via The Maple Leaf flag. Refer to the link: <http://www.canada4fourcomers.com/cfo/index.html>
- 8 A Meeting has been provisionally scheduled for July 23rd 2009 between the Vancouver Parks Board and the Ireland Monument – Canada committee regarding the site for The Ireland Monument - Canada.

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