

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

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<http://www.irelandmonumentvancouver.com>



1. The Ireland Monument Canada Committee was contacted by the City of Coquitlam in December 2009. We understand that the City will review their Public Arts program early in 2010.

The City has informed the Committee that they will contact us by Spring of 2010 regarding the submission of The Ireland Monument-Canada which was deposited at City Hall Coquitlam on November 16th 2009. In view of the above, the Committee is now reinitiating the Fundraising program for the Ireland Monument Canada postponed during the initial development phase of the project as options for a site were not available then. The committee wishes to be very clear that a commitment to providing a site at this time has not been received by the committee from any jurisdiction.

However, tomorrow the committee will forward letters to various groups in Canada and Ireland inviting each to be a part of this historic marker for Irish Canadians. By doing so, we believe each can play an important part in ensuring the completion of the Ireland Monument.

Individual and Corporate sponsorship is a component of the Committee's Fundraising program. The committee is endeavouring to raise \$40,000.00 CAD from individuals and corporate sponsors.

Donation amounts are \$100.00 (200 required) and \$250.00 (80 required.).

The committee will endeavour to provide recognition to all such Donors at the Monument Site with a memento. We trust everyone will realize that donor recognition at any site cannot be guaranteed until discussions regarding that site are underway.

However, individual and corporate donors that have contributed to date or will contribute can direct their contribution towards the Monument in the following ways and indicated on the Monument website at the following links:

On Side 1 by directing their contribution towards any of the 32 Counties of Ireland.

<http://www.irelandmonumentvancouver.com/contributing-supporters/side-1-donors>

On Side 2 to direct their contribution toward to the Birth of Ice Hockey in Canada from Irelands ancient game of Hurling <http://www.irelandmonumentvancouver.com/contributing-supporters/side-2-donors>

On Side 3 to nominate any of those named on that Side.

<http://www.irelandmonumentvancouver.com/contributing-supporters/side-3-donors>

On Side 4 by directing their contribution toward Irish Music and Irish Dancing that have contributed so much to the Arts in Canada.

<http://www.irelandmonumentvancouver.com/contributing-supporters/side-4-donors>

or finally to contribute towards the completion of a bronze replica of The Brian Boru Harp that will stand on top of the Monument as a symbol of Ireland and the Irish people that have contributed to Canada,

<http://www.irelandmonumentvancouver.com/contributing-supporters/harp-donors>

The web pages will be updated at the end of every month to reflect the contributions received to date.

What is most important at this point is that donors come forward in the coming weeks and months to ensure this opportunity does not pass us by.

The Monument represents the history of Canada over the last four centuries assisted by the hands of Irish Canadians from Coast to Coast.

It will be a marker for others to aspire to because the impact of the contribution of Irish Canadians is incalculable and far reaching.

The Irish contribution to Canada is irrefutable.

Simply told, Irish Canadians have by their efforts played fundamental roles in the Confederation of Canada, The Maple Leaf Flag, the 2010 Winter Olympic Games (soon to be underway), Ice Hockey, Ice Hockey Gold including Men's and Women's, the RCMP, Abolition of the Family Compact Act, the recognition of Women as persons, Freedom of the Press, Gaelic Games throughout Canada, Irish Music and Dancing from coast to coast, the invention of Insulin, the Canada Arm, Radarstat, Justice, the Supreme Court of Canada, Prime Ministers and Premiers, Senators, the Conservative Party, Victory at Vimy Ridge, The Armed Forces, Exploration of early Canada, , the Rideau Canal, the CPR, advancements in Geotechnical Engineering, Medical research in the fields of Mental health, Creative Writing, the Alpine Club of Canada and so much more. It surely is a contribution that is unceasing and endless.

That collective contribution of Irish Canadians is deserving of recognition because many aspects of that contribution has defined Canada as the Nation it is today.

The committee therefore strongly encourages everyone to come forward and donate.

We are especially reliant on those that can help the project via word of mouth to spread the word regarding the Monument across Canada and Ireland and encourage others to come on board contribute.

It is very important at this point that we "Irish Canadians" show that we are serious.

All donations can be made to: "The Ireland Monument-Canada" by cheque sent to 2342 East 27th Avenue, Vancouver. B.C. V5N 2X2. Please do not send cash.

Payment can also be made to "The Ireland Monument-Canada" account at any Investors Group office in Canada. Account # 10409464. Please also notify the committee at by emailing irelandmonumentvancouver@hotmail.com and notifying us of your donation.

2. With respect to Item 1, the committee can now reflect on the very successful Transfer of the Stone ceremony from the AOH cross at Grosse Ile Quebec held at Place des Arts Coquitlam B.C. on October 5th 2009 and all who helped make it a successful day. We are very grateful to Ambassador Kelly and staff at the Embassy of Ireland, The Archbishop of Vancouver, J. Michael Miller and staff at the Archdiocese offices in Vancouver, Mayor Stewart and City staff who assisted us at the City of Coquitlam, the staff at Place des Arts and Mackin House Museum in Coquitlam, Marianna O'Gallagher in Quebec City and all who provided sponsorship to the Committee. Thanks also to the Irish organizations in the Vancouver area that assisted us on the day, including the Canadian County Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association, The Irish Heritage Society and the Irish Women's Network.
3. A new page has been added to the Ireland Monument website which will include the comments of those who support the Ireland Monument Canada. Comments maybe addressed to the committee members at irelandmonumentvancouver@hotmail.com The Committee is delighted to include the first comment by Collette Mannion of Iarnród Eireann (Irish Rail) in Dublin Ireland. We will certainly welcome many other positive comments received in the coming months. See comments page for further details. <http://www.irelandmonumentvancouver.com/welcome-failte/newsletters/supporters-comments>



Those that attended the ceremonies remembering Mr. Joseph P. Ryan, one of the founders of the Gaelic Athletic Association in Thurles County Tipperary in 1884 include:

Back row - left to right Mike Newel (Cranbrook), Paul Stack (Vancouver), Eamonn Kelly (Chicago), John Keane (Seattle), Pat Lowney (Vancouver), Sean Twomey (Vancouver), Stephen Agnew (Red Deer)

Front row - left to right - Teresa O'Sullivan (Ireland), Thomas O'Flynn (Vancouver), John O'Flynn (North Vancouver), Fr. Harry Clarke (Castlegar), Brian Farmer (Toronto), Paul McGarry (Seattle)

4. Ceremonies for Mr. Joseph P. Ryan, one of the founding members of the Gaelic Athletic Association and those name will be included on side 3 were held in Cranbrook B.C. on December 19th 2009.

5. Dr. Garth Vaughan of Cape Breton Nova Scotia continues to assist the committee. He has recently provided the committee with updates regarding William Cochran from Omagh, County Tyrone whose name will be included on Side 3.
Refer to <http://www.irelandmonumentvancouver.com/the-100-names/the-100-names/william-cochran> for the updates. Apologies for some of the documents which may be difficult to read at this time. We hope to correct the issue as soon as possible.

6. Previous issues of Ireland Monumental News are available on the website. Please forward the link to others who maybe interested. Those who have made a contribution to date are listed on the following page: <http://www.irelandmonumentvancouver.com/contributing-supporters>. We certainly welcome contributions from others across Canada to ensure completion of the Ireland Monument -Canada which will provide recognition of the Irish contribution to Canada.

Nollaig Shona
agus Bliain faoi Mhaise agat.



Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year to you.

Wishing Everyone a Happy New Year for 2010.

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