

Ukrainian – Canadian Plaque in Edgewood, BC

The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation, along with the Edgewood Community Internet Society erected the memorial plaque in Edgewood, BC on October 24th, 2009, in memory of the Ukrainian-Canadian imprisonment in Edgewood 1915-1916 at the entrance of Donselaar Memorial Park. The plaque needs restoration and revitalization to draw attention to its history within the community.

It has been 14 years and 8 months since the plaque was erected. Over this period the material of the 5X10 wood box base housing the rock with the plaque has not fared very well. Some of the of boards around base are weathered and are in the process or have rotted away. Nature is trying to reclaim the ground inside the base. Overall, this historical information in the village needs restoring.

The Edgewood Community Internet Society (ECIS) aka The Edge, has decided there is a need for restoration and beautification in the form of planting bright colourful flowers to draw attention to its Historical chapter that Edgewood and the Valley had in World War 1, when people with Ukrainian background were viewed as “Enemy Aliens”. The History the town of Edgewood and valley played in World War 1 could have been lost if not for the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association (*Visit the website, edgegateway.ca, Community Newsletter Vol.7, Issue 4, November 2009 for the original newsletter.*) *Other sources on the Ukrainian Internment Camps can be found at: www.warmuseum.ca, www.ucc.ca/issues/internment*

The Edge staff and volunteers have started by planting flowers around its base, drawing attention to the History. The Society will be looking for funding to replace the boards and or replacing the wood boards entirely with blocks around the perimeter.

The Ukrainian people continue to fight in order retain their independence and their country from the invasion of Russia. The war started on February 24th, 2022, and is currently ongoing. The Ukraine and Russia war is not at the fore front of the news anymore, but the bombing of Ukraine by Russia continues. The Ukrainians have been living this upheaval in their lives because they are determined to keep their freedom and country.

Let us continue in our support for Ukraine and hope that this war comes to an end sooner rather than later.



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The Edge's Registered Charity #86745 4522 RR0001. We welcome regular givers.

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