

**Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Ontario Provincial Council
invites you to celebrate:**

**The First Annual
Ukrainian Heritage Day in Ontario
September 7, 2011**

**Front Lawn of Queen's Park
12 pm - 1pm**



**День Української Спадщини
в Онтаріо:
7 вересня 2011 р.**

**12 -1 год. дня біля Парламенту Онтаріо
1:30 год. дня - Інститут св. Володимира**

**Commemorative Open House - 1:30 p.m.
St. Vladimir Institute**

Ukrainian Heritage Day

On Thursday March 24th, 2011, the Ontario Legislature unanimously passed Bill-155 the *Ukrainian Heritage Day Act* which proclaimed September 7th of each year Ukrainian Heritage Day in the Province of Ontario. Bill-155 was introduced by Gerry Martiniuk, MPP (Cambridge) and was co-sponsored by Donna Cansfield, MPP (Etobicoke Centre) and Cheri DiNovo, MPP (Parkdale-High Park).

Ukrainian Heritage Day provides a special opportunity to recognize the role that Ontario has played in successfully welcoming generations of Ukrainians seeking a better life here in Canada while celebrating the contributions of Ukrainian Canadians across many communities and walks of life to our province and our country.

Queen's Park (12:00 noon)

Program

The program at Queen's Park will offer an opportunity to commemorate the first Ukrainian Heritage Day in Ontario through both official and artistic components.

- Official welcome & blessing
- Artistic performances
- Remarks from co-sponsors of Bill-155 the *Ukrainian Heritage Day Act*:
 - Gerry Martiniuk, MPP Cambridge
 - Donna Cansfield, MPP Etobicoke Centre
 - Cheri DiNovo, MPP Parkdale - High Park
- Keynote remarks – Ted Woloshyn
- Artistic performances
- Acknowledgments & closing blessing
- “O Canada”

Artistic performances featuring: Taras Chmil, Soloist & the Desna Ukrainian Dance Company of Toronto



1 Free Borsch and Varenyky Lunch

Redeemable only on September 7th at

St. Vladimir Institute

St. Vladimir Institute (1:30 pm)

Sharing our Heritage

Opening welcome by Paul Strathdee (President, Board of Directors, St. Vladimir Institute) with Ivanna Tarnowecky (Miss Universe Canada 2011 contestant and St. Vladimir resident)

- Music by *Crazy Voda*, members of the University of Toronto Ukrainian Students Club (USC)

Exhibits:

- *Trace Your Genealogical Roots* presented by Toronto Ukrainian Genealogy Group
- *Ukrainians in the Canadian Armed Forces* presented by the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre (UCRDC)
- Archival Display at UCRDC on the second floor
- *The Michael Tomas Exhibit, one man's search for his roots*, presented by the Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Ontario Branch
- *Remember when...* exhibit by artist Johnny Filipchuk
- *Passing it Forward* documentary presented by USC

Episodes in Ukrainian Ontarians' History

(Archival material courtesy of Andrew Gregorovich)

September 7, 1891: Vasyl Eleniak and Ivan Pylypiw step onto Canadian soil then head westward through Ontario becoming the first official Ukrainian immigrants in Canada.

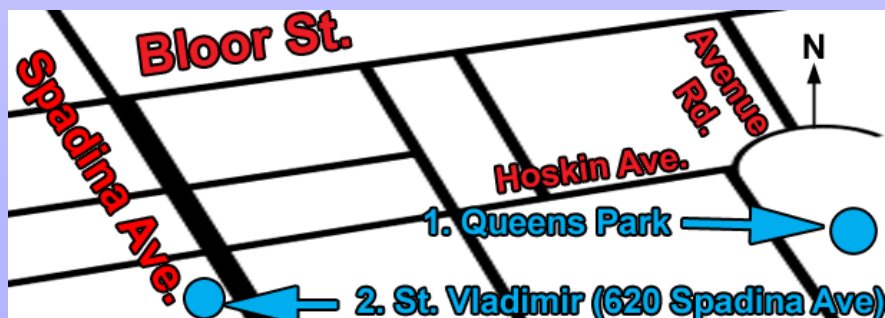
1914-1920: 5,000 Ukrainians are interned by Canadian authorities and many more are required to report regularly to police being deemed "enemy aliens" for having been citizens of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. There are six internment sites across Ontario.

1917: King George V presents the Victoria Cross to WWI hero Filip Konowal, a resident of Ottawa before and after the war.

1940: The Ukrainian Canadian Congress is founded to represent the community across the country. Today there are 9 branches of the UCC in Ontario.

1951: John Yaremko becomes the first Ukrainian Ontarian elected to the provincial legislature - serving 25 years.

- 1957:** The Hon. Michael Starr, Copper Cliff native and Oshawa resident becomes the first Ukrainian Canadian Federal Cabinet Minister.
- 1964:** The Hon. Paul Yuzyk, delivers his maiden speech in the Senate of Canada and introduces the concept of multiculturalism.
- 1972:** Ukrainian language classes are offered for the first time in Ontario high schools.
- 1976:** Artist William Kurelek, an Alberta native and Ontario resident, is appointed to the Order of Canada.
- 1988:** John Sopinka, a resident of Ontario is appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada
- 1989-1995:** Ramon Hnatyshyn serves in Ottawa as Governor General of Canada
- 1991:** Canada is the first nation in the Western World to recognize Ukraine's independence.
- 2002:** Ernie Eaves becomes the first premier of Ontario of Ukrainian Heritage.
- 2007:** Steve Peters becomes the first Ukrainian Canadian to hold the position of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario
- 2007-2008:** Business and community leaders Erast Huculak and James Temerty, both Ontario residents, are appointed to the Order of Canada.
- 2009:** The Holodomor (the 1932-33 man-made famine in Ukraine) is recognized as a Genocide by the Ontario Legislature.
- March 24, 2011:** The Ontario Legislature unanimously passes a bill proclaiming September 7th as Ukrainian Heritage Day in Ontario
- 336,000:** The number of Ukrainian Canadians out of 1.2 million, who call Ontario their home.



Note: Parking isn't permitted on Queen's Park grounds but is located on streets and in lots within a short walk.