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National Memorial to Victims of Communism: Canada, a Land of Refuge

Introduction

This national memorial will create awareness of the crimes of communism and pay tribute to the more than 100 million people worldwide who perished or suffered under communist tyranny. This new Capital landmark will recognize the role Canada has played in offering refuge to the millions that left behind torment and oppression for a new beginning in a free and democratic country.

Tribute to Liberty, a charitable organization, is the project sponsor and Canadian Heritage is managing this monument project in collaboration with Public Works and Government Services Canada, the National Capital Commission and Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Monument Site

The monument will be prominently located on Confederation Boulevard beside the Supreme Court of Canada with views of the Peace Tower and other key federal institutions. This site was selected due to its close proximity and thematic links to the Supreme Court of Canada, the Peace Tower, Parliament Hill, and Library and Archives Canada.

Design Competition

A two-phase national design competition is ongoing to select a team to create the design for the monument. During the first phase, which closed in May 2014, the jury evaluated 20 proposals to choose six finalist teams composed of artists, architects and/or landscape architects, to participate in phase two:

- **Team Bartosik:** Michal Maciej Bartosik, artist; Fung Lee, landscape architect; James Melvin, landscape architect (Ontario)
- **Team Kapusta:** Janusz Kapusta, artist (N.Y.); Voytek Gorczynski, architect (Ontario); Andrzej Pawlik, architect (Poland)
- **Team Moskaliuk:** Wiktor Moskaliuk, architect (Ontario); Larysa Kurylas, artist (D.C.); Roger Courtenay, landscape architect (Ontario)
- **Team North:** Alissa North, landscape architect; Peter North, landscape architect; and Scott Eunson, artist (Ontario)
- **Team Phillips:** Christopher Phillips, landscape architect (B.C.); Marc Boutin, architect (Alberta); Krzysztof Wodiczko, artist (N.Y.)
- **Team Rapoport:** Lisa Rapoport, architect; artist; Eric Beck Rubin, historian (Ontario)

In phase two, these finalist teams prepared design concepts and presented them to the jury.

The jury is composed of:

- Shirley Blumberg, architect
- David Frum, journalist
- Ludwik Klimkowski, chair, Tribute to Liberty
- Michael J. Lewis, art and architecture historian
- Phuong T.V. Ngo, lawyer
- Peter F. Smith, landscape architect
- Maria Gabankova, artist

Comments from the public will be shared with the jury prior to making the final recommendation to the Government of Canada. The winning team will be announced in early fall 2014.

Design Development and Construction

The design development phase will commence in the fall of 2014. The unveiling of major monument elements is scheduled for late summer 2015.

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