



COMMUNITY REPORT

UCAMA Project: Save the Archive and Collections

Ukrainian Canadian Congress
Alberta Provincial Council
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INSTRUCTIONS

This report includes a description of the “Save the UCAMA’s Archives and Collections Project”. It consists of three parts: general project background, financial accountability and the role of transfer agreements in the dispersion of the UCAMA’s archive and collections.

UCC – Alberta would like to acknowledge the significant role that each organization and individual members made while taking part in the “Save the UCAMA’s Archives and Collections Project” Committee. We are extremely grateful for the community organizations that came together in this time of need. UCC-APC took on the leadership role to coordinate and facilitate this project to ensure that the UCAMA’s collection did not go to auction. A committee was formed to manage this project and the President of UCC-APC, Orysia Boychuk chaired the committee.



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CALL TO ACTION

“The Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta is facing a huge challenge. Through a series of unfortunate financial events, we find ourselves in the position of losing not only our museum but, more importantly, our collection to our lending agency. The intent of our creditors is to seize the collection and dispose of it through an auction. The dismantling of the collection would be a serious blow to the heritage of the province...”

Letter to UCC-APC from UCAMA, June 2020

THE GOAL

“To develop a mission and principles to handle the collections in an attempt to preserve them, keep them in Alberta, and preferably in a museum.”

Orysia Boychuk, President UCC-APC

The Project, Roles and Objectives and the Committee

On June 24, 2020, Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council (UCC-APC) received a letter from Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta (UCAMA) providing a status update which stated that the collections were at risk of going to auction. At a UCC-APC Board meeting, it was agreed that a committee should be formed to review the potential of saving UCAMA’s collections. Following the consultation of numerous community organizations, it was deemed that enough interest and financial support would mitigate the risk of UCC-APC involvement. The Committee’s first meeting was held on July 7, 2020.

The main committee was formed under the UCC-APC by organizations and individuals who were interested in saving the UCAMA collections. An extensive list of community organization stakeholders came together under the UCC-APC to form the working committee:

- Alberta Society for the Advancement of Ukrainian Studies,
- Basilian Fathers Museum,
- Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies,
- Friends of the Ukrainian Folklore Centre,
- Kule Folklore Centre,
- Shevchenko Scientific Society Edmonton Branch,
- Ukrainian Women’s Organization of Canada – Museum,
- Ukrainian Catholic Women’s League of Canada,
- UCC Edmonton Branch,
- Ukrainian Benevolent Society of Edmonton,
- Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada Alberta Branch,
- Ukrainian Pioneers Association of Alberta,
- Ukrainian Museum of Canada Alberta Branch,
- Ukrainian Museum of Canada Calgary Branch,
- Ukrainian Commemorative Society of Alberta,
- Ukrainian National Federation.

There were also a number of individual community members who joined the committee and were very interested in preserving the collection.

The committee met weekly since July 7, for a total of 15 meetings. A dedicated group of individuals came together to discuss how to financially achieve our goal, how to disperse the UCAMA collections and ensure the goal was accomplished by October 30th. In addition to the main committee, a subcommittee was formed and led by Lydia Migus to work out the logistics of organizing and distributing the collections.

Transfer Agreements

The transfer agreements (TA) were completed on November 22, 2020. They were reviewed by UCC-APC legal counsel to ensure that they meet requirements and are set-up in a way that allows guaranteed protection for the acquired collections. Both UCC-APC and UCAMA are listed on the transfer agreements, and the new owners have the possession of listed artifacts. **The legal ownership is in the hands of the new museums, and neither UCC-APC nor UCAMA have authority over the collections. Copies of all TAs are available to public and can be requested from UCC-APC or any of the museums.**

Transfer agreements:

- Basilian Fathers Museum (TA date November 24, 2020).
- ES - Ukrainian Women's Organization (TA November 21, 2020).
- Ukrainian Museum of Canada Calgary Collection (TA date: November 20, 2020).
- Ukrainian Museum of Canada Alberta Branch (TA date: November 20, 2020).
- UCWLC Museum – Edmonton Eparchy (TA date: November 19, 2020).
- Kule Folklore Centre (TA to be completed by December 31, 2020. Archives are not a part of the seized assets).



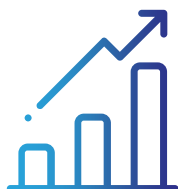
STAGE I

Form a Committee, establish TOR, agree on objectives, roles and responsibilities of all parties involved.



STAGE II

Confirm all legal requirements are met to protect UCC-APC, create a subcommittee, develop a timeline, hire a project manager, start fundraising, find a home for all the collections and archives.



STAGE III

Pay off the lender, sign transfer agreements, move the archive and collections, create a final report to the community.

Financial Accountability

The goal of the project was to save the collections and archives from going to the auction. To do so UCC-APC with its Committee had to pay off \$70,000 to the UMC Financial Management Inc (lender). From the inception of the Project, the Committee set a goal of raising additional funds to pay for the moving costs, project manager and 10% administrative expense to UCC-APC. The total fundraising campaign was set to \$85,000.

The fundraising campaign started two weeks after the Committee was formed. An agreement was made between the lender and UCC-APC that three payments will be made: *August 31, September 30, October 30, 2020*. UCC-APC made the final payment on October 9, 2020. A total of **\$90,006.40 was raised**.

After paying off the lender and all of the project expenses, funds were remaining in the account. UCC-APC and the Committee agreed to distribute the outstanding value of \$4681.93 to the museums that took the UCAMA artifacts.

UCAMA Project Donor Name

<i>Alberta Executive of Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Alberta Local and International Education Association</i>	\$1,200.00
<i>Alberta Meest Conectus LTD Meest Edmonton</i>	\$200.00
<i>Alberta Society for the Advancement of the Ukrainian Studies</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Alberta Ukrainian Heritage Foundation</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Andrew & Anne Ilnytsky</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Borys Sydoruk</i>	\$100.00
<i>Cathie & Gordon Gordey</i>	\$125.00
<i>Friends of the Ukrainian Folklore Centre</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Ivan Harrakh</i>	\$100.00
<i>Jean A Mekitiak</i>	\$100.00
<i>Katherine Sydoruk</i>	\$100.00
<i>Ken Solomon</i>	\$200.00
<i>League of Ukrainian Canadian Women Calgary Branch</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Marlene H Mysak</i>	\$200.00
<i>Medical Mercy Canada Society</i>	\$1,050.00
<i>Ostap Sokha (50% of Project Manager's fee donated back to the museums)</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>Orycia A Kurczaba</i>	\$100.00
<i>Peter Bulkovski</i>	\$400.00
<i>Plast Ukrainian Youth - Calgary</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Roman Zakaluzny</i>	\$200.00
<i>Shevchenko Scientific Society</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Women's Association</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Ted Yarmuch</i>	\$200.00

<i>Tetiana & Nikolai Vorotilenko</i>	\$100.00
<i>The Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association, Calgary Branch</i>	\$4,000.00
<i>Ukrainian Canadian Benevolent Society of Edmonton</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Ukrainian Cultural Society of St. Paul & District</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch</i>	\$6,000.00
<i>Ukrainian Male Chorus Society of Edmonton</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada Museum</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Ukrainian Museum of Canada Calgary Collection UWAC</i>	\$2,631.40
<i>Ukrainian National Federation of Canada</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Ukrainian Pioneers Association of Alberta</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Ukrainian Professional and Business Club of Edmonton</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association Edmonton Branch</i>	\$4,000.00
<i>Ukrainian Women's Organization of Canada - Edmonton Society</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Walter Petryshyn</i>	\$300.00
<i>Yatran Dance Academy Association</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Zennovia Haydey</i>	\$200.00
TOTAL INCOME	90,006.40

UCAMA Project Expense	Amount
<i>Total paid to UMC</i>	\$(70,000.00)
<i>Transportation & volunteer expense</i>	\$(3,474.47)
<i>ES Ukrainian Women's Organization</i>	\$(500.00)
<i>Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Alberta Branch</i>	\$(500.00)
<i>UCWLC - Edmonton Eparchy</i>	\$(500.00)
<i>Basilian Fathers Museum</i>	\$(2,181.93)
<i>Kule Folklore Centre</i>	\$(500.00)
<i>Admin Fee, UCC-APC</i>	\$(8,850.00)
<i>Project Manager</i>	\$(1,500.00)
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$90,006.40
NET INCOME	\$0.00

Hard copies of this report, including the transfer agreements and receipts, are being stored at the UCC-APC office and will be archived on November 1, 2030. Digital copies of the report were distributed to the Committee members, AGLC and are available to the public on UCC-APC website uccab.ca/ucamareport.

In Conclusion

We believe that the “Save UCAMA’s Archives and Collections Project” was very successful. It showed that despite the differences, our community is united in preserving the common history and paving the path forward for the new generations. We know that the collections will be available to the general public and will remain in Alberta. UCC-APC wishes to express sincere gratitude to UCAMA for the preservation of Ukrainian collections and archives and to the museums that took it upon themselves to continue preserving these artifacts when UCAMA was no longer able to do so.

Thank you to the Basilian Father’s Museum for taking 95% of the UCAMA’s collection. A sincere thank you to the Kule Folklore Center for taking the archives and to the 4 museums in Alberta for taking the remaining items: Ukrainian Women’s Organization - Museum, Ukrainian Museum of Canada - Alberta, Ukrainian Museum of Canada - Calgary and Ukrainian Catholic Women’s League Association Museum.

It has been a tremendous project to undertake in such a short period of time. With the right people behind the project, we were able to raise the funds and complete the project in a timely and accountable manner.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Councils extends its gratitude to the following committee members and volunteers:

- Lydia Migus- Chairperson, Logistics Committee
- Karen Lemiski - Basilian Fathers Museum in Mundare
- Elaine Harasymiw - ES - Ukrainian Museum of Canada
- Zennovia Haydey - Ukrainian Museum of Canada - Calgary
- Joyce Chrunik-Rudiak - Ukrainian Catholic Women’s League of Canada Museum
- Tamara Vorotilenko - UWO
- Maryna Chernyavska - Kule Folklore Centre
- Oleksandr Pankiev - Alberta Society for Advancement of Ukrainian Studies
- Jason Galinowski - Friends of the Ukrainian Folklore Centre
- Alla Nedashkivska - Shevchenko Scientific Society, Edmonton
- Serhii Cipko - Ukrainian Commemorative Society of Alberta & Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies
- Mykola Vorotilenko – Ukrainian National Federation of Canada – Edmonton Branch
- Jars Balan - Ukrainian Pioneers Association of Alberta
- Mark Kopinec - Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada Alberta Branch
- Khrystia Kohut - UCAMA
- Paul Teterenko - UCAMA
- Nestor Makuch- UCAMA
- Oleksandr Makar - UCAMA
- Irka Jendzjowsky - UCC Archiving Project
- Barbara Koziak - Community Supporter
- Ustia Stefanchuk - Community Supporter
- Andrew Hladyshevsky - Community Supporter

We would like to say a special thank you to all of the individuals and organizations who donated their hard-earned money and entrusted UCC Alberta in leading and completing this project in a timely manner. We are also eternally grateful to the Committee-members who attended every meeting and helped raise this extraordinary amount of money in such a short period of time, less than 3 months.

The story of UCAMA will serve as an example to the community for many reasons. We anticipate that despite the events, we will all learn from our experiences and we will be stronger by moving our organizational leadership of every level towards a path of financial and board accountability.