

# UCAMA offered an additional \$4 million by Alberta

## Funding conditional upon Ottawa coming through by March

(UkrNews)—The Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Canada (UCAMA) has been offered an extra \$4 million for their new building by the provincial government, providing the organization can get all its funding together by March.

"An additional \$4 million has been earmarked for you project through the Major Community Facilities Program (MCFP) provided your society can confirm the viability of your revised project by March 2009. As previously requested, the City of Edmonton has been notified of this funding," said Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit in a Jan. 19 letter to UCAMA President Michelle Tracy.

UCAMA's new building is estimated to cost \$24.1 million for which the provincial government has previously pledged \$3 million, with the City of Edmonton promising \$3 million of its own.

Major private contributions include \$750,000 from the Chwyl Family, \$200,000 from the Koziak Family Foundation, \$100,000 from Servus Credit Union and \$100,000 worth of his prints for sale from artist Peter Shostak.

UCAMA has applied for an \$8 million grant to the Building Canada program. The federal government has not yet made an announcement, but on Dec. 6, 2008, Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney told the audience at a Ukrainian Canadian Congress banquet held in Edmonton: "We will have good news

in respect to that project in the very near future."

"The Government of Alberta is currently working with the Federal Government regarding the Building Canada Fund. These negotiations are ongoing to ensure the best interests of Alberta taxpayers are reflected in the agreements. I suggest you keep in touch with your contacts in the Federal Government regarding your funding request, and keep MCFP administration informed of any developments in this regard," said Blackett.

"UCAMA is very pleased with the letter from Minister Blackett in which he states that an additional \$4 million has been earmarked for our project," Tracy told Ukrainian News.

"We are confident that this written commitment will encourage the Federal Government to act in a positive manner and support our request for \$8 million. The city has committed \$3 million, and the province has committed a total of \$7 million. The project hinges on federal support by March, by which time Major Community Facilities Program requires confirmation of its financial viability. Once the Federal Government has made its commitment, we are ready to move ahead with the new museum building.

Our architects (HIP Architects) assure us that the UCAMA project is 'shovel ready' and that they could start demolition immediately once funding is released," she added.

# Yushchenko, Ukrainian Orthodox Church recognize Bezan

(Office of MP James Bezan)—James Bezan, Member of Parliament for Selkirk-Interlake, is receiving two of Ukraine's highest awards for his work in Canada on Ukraine's

ing the celebration of the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukraine's national referendum on its independence. During the ceremony held in the Parliament of Canada, a rare reproduction of

help in recognizing it for what it truly was — a genocide," said Bezan. "Canada now shares with Ukraine and other countries, a memorial day for the Holodomor on the

# UCCLA launches "No KGB men in Canada!" campaign

(UkrNews)—The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association is ramping up its campaign to get all NKVD, KGB and other Communist secret police veterans out of Canada.

UCCLA's "No KGB In Canada!" involves thousands of its supporters mailing in pre-printed postcards to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Jason Kenney (Minister of Immigration and Citizenship) and Peter Van Loan (Minister of Public Safety).

The cards share a common message: "Veterans of Soviet secret police formations like the NKVD, SMERSH and KGB should not be allowed to enter Canada nor to remain here. No exceptions. Denaturalize and Deport them all, immediately."

UCCLA's chairman, Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk says that while UCCLA has championed the principle that any person found in Canada alleged to be a war criminal should be tried in a criminal court, the federal government "insists upon using denaturalization and deportation for dealing with persons who should not be in Canada". Therefore, the policy should be applied equally, he argues.

Under Denaturalization and Deportation (D and D), a person does not have to be accused of any crime whatsoever, but found in a civil court that he or she misrepresented themselves upon coming to Canada, only "on a balance of probabilities".

The Standing Parliamentary Committee on Citizenship and Immigration in 2005 recommended that the government drop D and D and replace it with a citizenship revocation process that is consistent with the Charter of Rights.

The Conservative Party of Canada, responding to a Ukrainian Canadian Congress questionnaire during the 2005-2006 campaign promised to do so, but has since put that pledge on the backburner and revised the revocation process in several cases.

"For years we have alerted the Government of Canada, the RCMP and others to the illegal presence in our country of veterans of the Soviet secret police. We don't know how many there are but some openly boasted about their participation in torture and mass murder," stated Dr. Luciuk in a press release issued by UCCLA on Jan. 22.

"While we have always championed the principle that any person found in Canada alleged to be a war criminal should be tried in a criminal court, politics is the art of the possible. Since the federal government insists upon using denaturalization and deportation for dealing with persons who should not be in Canada we call upon Ottawa to apply its preferred standard in every case, without exceptions," he explained.

"There should be no KGB men in Canada, not now, not ever. Indeed