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*To Whom It May Concern*

## **The Polish-Canadian Commemorative Exhibition**

### ***Celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday in 2017***

This year, Canada, a nation with a population of over 36 million, is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. The democratic achievements of our country have been significant since the beginning of Confederation in 1867. We can say with pride that Canada is one of the best and safest countries in the world.

For many centuries, Poles have contributed their knowledge and talents to the development of a better Canada and a better world. There are over 38 million Poles in Poland and approximately 20 million outside of Poland, including 1 million in Canada. The Polish-Canadian community is very proud to be among the builders of a successful nation on Canadian soil. We are very grateful for the special bond between Canada and Poland and for Canadian support, especially during what were difficult times for Poland, including wartime.

The Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor with a team from the University of Windsor and other partners have prepared the Polish-Canadian Commemorative Exhibition as a tribute to Canada on her 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The exhibition contains a collection of displays, making up three thematic groups: Contribution of Poles to Canada, Polish Gratitude to Canada and Contribution of Poles to the World.

The travelling exhibition visited many Canadian cities in Ontario and Alberta during 2017. We respectfully request that potential future partners, interested in promoting this project, contact

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Sincerely,

Jerry Barycki, President

Windsor, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

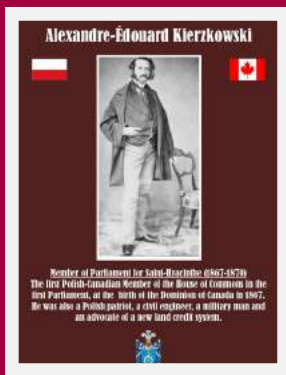
# 1. Contribution of Poles to Canada

Since Canada's Confederation in 1867, Canadians of Polish heritage have contributed to the building of this country. The most notable of our predecessors are:

- Sir Casimir Stanislaus Gzowski, the most successful engineer in North America.



- Alexandre-Édouard Kierzkowski, the first Member of Parliament of Polish descent in the first Parliament of Canada in 1867.



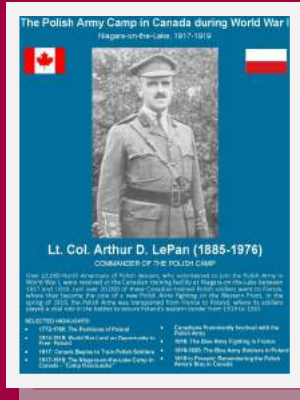
- Members of the Canadian Parliament of Polish Heritage, 1867-2017.



# 2. Polish Gratitude to Canada

The Polish nation and Polonia appreciated Canadian support during difficult times for Poland, for example; allowing the training of soldiers of Polish heritage on Canadian soil during WWI and WWII.

- The Polish Army Camp in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, during World War I.



- The Polish Army Recruiting Station in Windsor, Ontario, during World War II.



- The holding of the Wawel treasures for safekeeping in Canada during World War II.





### 3. Contribution of Poles to the World

Poland's contribution to the world is well known and extensively documented. Among the most widely recognized individuals are:

- Pope John Paul II, Poland's gift to the world.



- Maria Skłodowska-Curie, the greatest female scientist of all time.



- Fryderyk Chopin, brilliant Polish composer and romantic pianist.

