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UCC Welcomes New CEO

■ July 27, 2016, OTTAWA—Ukrainian Canadian Congress President Paul Grod is pleased to announce the appointment of Ihor Hnatiw Michalchyshyn as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

In his new role which begins September 6, Mr. Michalchyshyn will be responsible for the overall leadership and management of the Congress' operations, including government relations and community programming. The CEO will implement UCC's strategic plan, recommend policy direction to achieve the goals and further the mission of the organization, and support its programming, events, and educational programs. He will also be responsible for managing the offices of UCC in Ottawa and Winnipeg.

"UCC was very fortunate to have received a number of very qualified applications for our most senior executive role," stated Grod. "We are very excited to have Ihor take on this key leadership role at UCC. He has an impressive depth and breadth of organizational and political experience. As an active volunteer, he also brings a solid understanding of the Ukrainian Canadian community and ability to effectively engage donors and volunteers. I



would like to thank and congratulate Slawko Borys and the UCC Search Committee for their effective work in soliciting applications, interviewing and selecting a very capable CEO."

With over a decade of working within government at senior levels, Michalchyshyn brings to UCC experience in the areas of public policy, strategic planning, community organizing and advocacy. Michalchyshyn held a number of senior positions with the Government of Manitoba, including Chief

of Staff to the Premier of Manitoba. His responsibilities included developing outreach relationships with stakeholder groups, overseeing staff development, and helping to manage the political, public policy, communications and legislative priorities of government.

Ihor has a long record of involvement within the Ukrainian Canadian community. He is a Scout leader with Plast Ukrainian Youth Association, a long time choir member of Melos Folk Ensemble (Winnipeg) and has just completed two terms on the board of Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Education Centre. He has served on both the Manitoba and Canadian boards of Plast, as a volunteer with Help Us Help the Children in Ukraine and as an International Elections Monitor in Eastern Ukraine.

Ihor was educated at the University of Winnipeg and University of Manitoba, focusing his studies in the areas of Politics and Public Administration. He will be relocating from Winnipeg to Ottawa to work in the UCC national office this fall.

"I am both humbled and honoured by this opportunity to provide leadership to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress," stated Ihor Michalchyshyn. "I am looking forward to working with all of our dynamic community organizations, dedicated volunteers and talented staff at the UCC. We have a very vibrant community, dedicated supporters, loyal donors and committed

partners that I'm sure will continue to ensure UCC remains a driving force in Canada and around the world."

Mr. Michalchyshyn succeeds Taras Zalusky, who stepped down as Executive Director and CEO for a senior position with the federal government. The Board of Directors is grateful to Mr. Zalusky for his six years of service. UCC thanks and recognizes Ms. Olyga Grod who has been seconded from the Ukrainian National Federation to serve as UCC's Interim Executive Director. She has masterfully managed a very ambitious UCC agenda during the transition, including preparation for the Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians being held in Regina, SK – September 29 to October 2, 2016.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress reports to the President and Executive Committee of the UCC, and is responsible for the organization's consistent achievement of its mission and financial objectives. For the past 75 years, UCC has represented the interests of the Ukrainian Canadian community before the people and Government of Canada. UCC coordinates and unifies all major Ukrainian Canadian organizations, promotes linkages with Ukraine and identifies and addresses the needs of the Ukrainian community in Canada to ensure it continues to flourish and enhance Canada's socio-cultural fabric.

UCC Congratulates Lieutenant-General Paul Wynnyk, New Commander of the Canadian Army – Lieutenant-General Wynnyk is the Grandson of Ukrainian Immigrants



■ July 18, 2016. OTTAWA—The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) congratulates Lieutenant-General Paul Wynnyk, CMM, MSM, CD, on his appointment as Commander of the Canadian Army. Lieutenant-General Wynnyk was appointed Commander on

July 14, at a ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

Lieutenant-General Wynnyk's late father Walter Wynnyk, who served during WWII with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, was born to Ukrainian immigrants in Stry, Alberta.

Lieutenant-General Paul Wynnyk was commissioned into the Canadian Military Engineers in 1986. He has held numerous command appointments and most recently served as Commander, Canadian Forces Intelligence Command and Deputy Commander of the Canadian Army. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Afghan Baryal Medal (First Class).

During his acceptance speech, Lieutenant-General Wynnyk thanked his wife Marianne, his mother Joan and his father for their support on his career path. Speaking about his father, Lieutenant-General Wynnyk stated, "My late father Walter Wynnyk was the son of Ukrainian immigrants, and part of that Great Generation of Canadians who fought during the Second World War and returned to build the Canada



Lieutenant-General Marquis Hainse, formalizes the hand-over of leadership of the Canadian Army to Lieutenant-General Paul Wynnyk during a formal ceremony held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on July 14, 2016. General Jonathan Vance, Chief of the Defence Staff, presided over the event.

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that we know today."

"On behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian community, I congratulate Lieutenant-General Wynnyk on his appointment. His is a truly inspirational and truly Canadian story. I wish Lieutenant-General Wynnyk all success as

Commander of the Canadian Army," stated Paul Grod, National President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress. "I thank all members of our Armed Forces for their valour in service to our great country."