

IRELAND CANADA MONUMENT

The conceptual design of the Ireland Canada Monument is presented in the following pages. Intended to commemorate contributions to Canada made by those of Irish heritage, the design of the monument draws from a number of Celtic and local contextual sources. The various elements of the monument will hold interpretive panels that outline the contributions of Irish Canadians in text and graphics. The central element of the monument will carry a marble panel with the map of Ireland displayed along with a brief dedication.

Each of the four proposed interpretive panels will address a particular theme. Each will contain a title and the interpretive text overlaying an original piece of art work. The design of these panels will be the subject of a further development process.

The physical elements of the monument will be composed of marble, concrete and steel. The overall style of the monument respects the aesthetics of the park and the adjacent Edwardian train station. At the same time, it draws on a number of the forms found in historic Irish monumentation. The tapering shapes of the various elements and their decorative insets echo the bases of iconic Irish stone crosses. The overall shape of the monument with its free standing elements is reminiscent of the stone dances found across Ireland. The harp, that marks the central element of the monument, is a long-standing and well recognized symbol of Ireland. In combination, these elements reference the history and culture of the Irish people while providing a context appropriate installation.

This monument is dedicated to those of Irish descent who not only make Canada their home but who also work to make it a better place for all Canadians.















