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## ***Sidney Museum* showcases images of Canada's triumphs and tribulations**

Sidney, British Columbia, June 25, 2020 — Canada's triumphs, failures and sacrifices are on display at Sidney Museum in a new travelling exhibition from the Canadian Museum of History and Canada's History Society. Showcasing unforgettable images and thought-provoking texts, **Snapshots of Canada** will be presented from 16 July until 24 December, 2020.

From the trial of Métis leader Louis Riel to Paul Henderson's winning goal in the 1972 Summit Series, and from the deportation of Japanese-Canadians after the Second World War to the standoff at Oka, the exhibition pairs 50 powerful photographs with texts by well-known Canadian historians, authors and journalists.

"Sidney Museum is proud to host **Snapshots of Canada**, this national travelling exhibit is a first for our Museum," said Peter Garnham, Executive Director of Sidney Museum. "This will be the largest travelling exhibit we have ever hosted. Looking at our Nation's history is a timely topic for our community now in the recovery stages of COVID-19."

"The Canadian Museum of History is delighted to share **Snapshots of Canada** with the people of the Saanich Peninsula," said Mark O'Neill, President and CEO of the Canadian Museum of History. "The exhibition invites visitors to relive both iconic and lesser-known moments that have shaped Canada's history."

The photographs, ranging from depictions of high drama to simple joy, were drawn from *100 Photos That Changed Canada* (2009) and *100 Days That Changed Canada* (2011), published by Canada's History and HarperCollins Canada. The images and accompanying text explore Canada from four perspectives: Building a Country, Living Together, Seeking Justice and Celebrating Culture. Contributors include literary non-fiction writer Charlotte Gray, best-selling novelist Lawrence Hill, historian Desmond Morton, archivist Jim Burant, award-winning military historian Tim Cook, and journalist Peter Mansbridge.

"We selected the photos for their emotional impact, their aesthetic appeal, their uniqueness, and the significance of the subject they depict," said Mark Reid, Editor-in-Chief of Canada's History Society and the editor of the two bestselling books that inspired the exhibition. "But

most of all, we chose them for the way they reflect who we were, who we are today, and who we can aspire to become as Canadians.”

Other emblematic events covered in the exhibition include the fight for women’s rights, the residential school system, the election of the Parti Québécois and the second sovereignty referendum, the Winnipeg General Strike, the legalization of same-sex marriage and Terry Fox’s Marathon of Hope.

**Snapshots of Canada** is being presented at Sidney Museum, 2423 Beacon Avenue L3, Sidney, BC from 16 July until 24 December, 2020.

This travelling exhibition was developed by the Canadian Museum of History in partnership with Canada’s History Society. It is an expanded version of the **Snapshots of Canada** outdoor exhibition presented at the Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau, Quebec, from May 17 to October 2, 2017.

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