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May is Museum Month in Ottawa

The Bank of Canada wishes to congratulate the Canadian War Museum on the occasion of its official opening.

On May 12, the Currency Museum will showcase the Bank of Canada's upgraded \$10 bank note, with its theme of *Peacekeeping and Remembrance*, at the new Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

This event marks the opening of *May is Museum Month* and commemorates the long anticipated opening of the War Museum, the 60th Anniversary of VE Day, and the Year of the Veteran.

Visitors will be able to preview the note and its new security features between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Canadian War Museum's lobby. The note will be put into circulation beginning May 18.

The Currency Museum, which is part of the Bank of Canada, is the repository of Canada's National Currency Collection, which consists of over 100,000 items. The Collection includes ancient and medieval coins, as well as modern coins, tokens, paper money, historical financial documents, and tools and materials (dies, plates) for the production of Canadian coins and notes. The Museum's programs and exhibits serve as an introduction to the history and evolution of currency in Canada and to the contribution of the Bank of Canada to Canadian society and the economy.

The Currency Museum is located at 245 Sparks Street in the Bank of Canada building. It is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (open Mondays from 1 May to Labour Day).

Admission is free.

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