



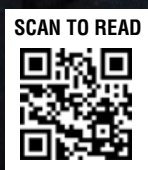
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## Letter from the Editor



Autumn is a beautiful season in which the leaves turn colourful and fall from the trees for children to roll in them and smell the freshness of the air. In this last issue of 2023

I feature Councillor Mario Ferri a renowned individual who truly cares about the community. His achievements for the City of Vaughan are immeasurable. After many years of service to the citizens of Vaughan he

continues to work for them providing solutions to the issues of the day. Enjoy reading his story and conclude what one can achieve with hard work and perseverance.

The previous months allow us to reflect on what is happening in the world. As we approach November and December, we think of our future existence to survive the wars in Ukraine and Middle East. There are so many innocent people being killed by a few of power-hungry individuals. We have not learned from History because we make the same mistakes by continuing to have wars. I hope our leaders can resolve the issues of the world and allow people to live a peaceful life.

The month of November is marked to honour the fallen soldiers who fought for our freedom and peace. I salute them for giving us our right to exist in a democratic country in which all are equal. Actively involved in different seniors' associations I have learned that they need to be involved to participate in activities, so that, socialization makes them needed and respected.

I encourage you to call a senior this holiday season and talk to them about their memories in life which gives us strength to appreciate what we have and enjoy today.

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**My staff and I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays with a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.**

**Cheers!**



Josie Alonzi



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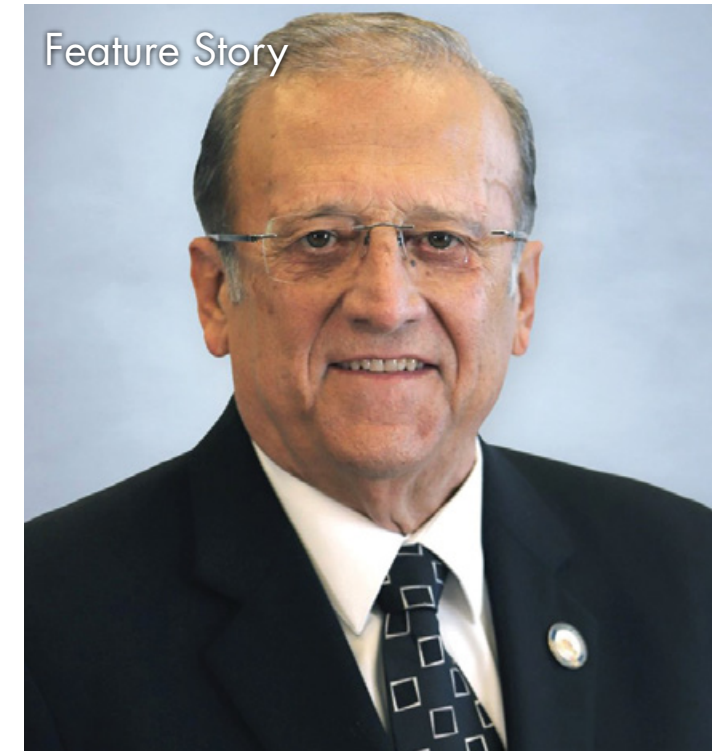
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**A Message from the Mayor**

Fall was a busy season for Vaughan! With council meetings back in session, there has been much on the go. My first Annual Charity Golf Classic took place in September, and it was a fantastic day spent with more than 100 golfers who gathered to support the Spirit of Generosity, an initiative that is inspiring positive change in Vaughan and beyond.

As we look ahead at November, we have much to look forward to. We will be hosting our first ever Diwali Celebration at Vaughan City Hall. The celebration is on Monday, November 20 at 6:00pm. All are welcomed and we look forward to celebrating with you!

With the festive season approaching, I want to wish everyone in Vaughan all the best for the holiday season!

From my family to yours, please accept my best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year.

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**Steven Del Duca**  
**Mayor, City of Vaughan**



## Enjoy the Holidays and have LOTS of FUN. Participate in all the events with these Seven SIMPLE HOLIDAY dinner TIPS OF THE SEASON

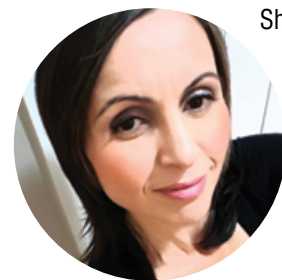
By Floriana Urbisci R.N.C.P

- 1. Eat before going to any events** – a small portion of fresh veggies and good protein. This will help to avoid being too hungry and make better choices. If you are going to a potluck, bring a veggie or fruit dish.
- 2. Drink water first.** This will help you to stay hydrated and you will be able to enjoy a favourite “holiday drink” without overdoing it. Enough water intake will also allow you for better food portions which help you have feelings of satisfaction instead of feeling too full.
- 3. Fill your plates with veggies** first and more veggies before adding any of the other choices
- 4. Make a plan** of what “fun foods” you will choose; for example, what will you choose the pasta, salad bread, dessert or glass of wine. You only choose one or maybe two of the suggested foods. There is a saying “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.
- 5. Be committed 100%.** Once you plan ahead, you will notice that it is easier than you originally thought
- 6. Be very protective of your sleep** – as it controls hunger, appetite, satiety.
- 7. This year, let your gift of being present** be the best gift to share with family and friends

Happy Holidays!

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## Improving Corporate Accountability and Increasing Transparency: How a Beneficial Ownership Registry Helps Protect the Public and Improve Trust

by *The Honourable Senator Tony Loffreda*

**“If Canada successfully passes this legislation, we will leap almost to the head of the class globally with respect to beneficial ownership legislation.”**

This is the type of witness testimony I like to hear in committee when we review government legislation.

Last week, our Committee on Banking, Commerce and the Economy studied and adopted Bill C-42, the Government’s proposed legislation that amends the Canada Business Corporations Act (CBCA) and seeks to implement a public and searchable registry of beneficial ownership information. Senators will soon be debating the bill at third reading, and I am hopeful we will adopt it (perhaps even unanimously), so the Government can launch the registry in early 2024.

A beneficial ownership registry allows us to know who possesses certain benefits of ownership in a business even if they do not appear on its legal title or may not be considered the legal owner. Since 2019, under the CBCA, federal corporations are required to maintain a register of individuals with significant control over the corporation.

The main objective of having a registry is to help combat illegal activities, including money laundering, terrorist financing, corruption, and tax evasion. With Bill C-42, the Government is now proposing to make public certain information – that will not infringe on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms – regarding the beneficial owners of federal corporations.

In my view, the bill strikes a right balance between transparency and privacy protections. The only information that will be publicly disclosed will be proportional to meet the objectives of the registry. Limited information will be publicly available, however all data collected from businesses will be available to law enforcement, tax authorities and other prescribed entities.

Of note, C-42 introduces measures in the Act that will protect whistleblowers who may report any suspicious activity to the director of Corporations Canada. This protection is essential if we are to encourage employees to reveal illegal activities within their workplace or for journalists to investigate and expose to the public or to the authorities any corporate wrongdoings.

## Senator Tony Loffreda



While this registry only covers businesses that fall under federal jurisdictions, it will be scalable to allow access to the beneficial ownership data held by provinces and territories that agree to participate. British Columbia and Québec already have their own registries, and I hope others will soon follow suit or adopt the federal model.

In his second reading speech, the Senate sponsor of the Bill, my colleague Percy Downe, explained that according to FINTRAC – the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada – roughly 70% of all money laundering cases in Canada involve the misuse of corporate legal entities, making this registry all the more important.

For the uninitiated, having a publicly accessible registry of beneficial ownership may not mean much. However, as Senator Downe explained, Canada was designated as a major money-laundering country in 2019 by the United States. In fact, the U.S. has estimated that between \$50 and 120 billion is laundered every year in Canada. In other words, money laundering in our country could represent anywhere between 2 to 5% of our GDP.

Bill C-42 will not put a halt to all these illegal activities, but as Minister Champagne alluded to when I asked him a question in committee, it will give citizens increased trust in our corporations and will prevent bad actors from coming to our shores and using our legitimate corporate structure to engage in illicit activities. As he alluded to, sunshine is the best disinfectant.

Thankfully, the changes proposed in C-42 will not add much additional administrative burden to businesses. The Government is mindful of that and leveraging existing intake and reporting mechanisms familiar to business for ease of compliance.

As October is Small Business Month, I think it’s important to point out that the vast majority of corporations in Canada are law-abiding and these legislative amendments are not targeting them. Rather, this registry hopes to lift the veil on bad actors and dissuade the use of corporations to hide assets and engage in illicit activities.

In the end, I think it will contribute to ensuring we have a better-functioning marketplace where are businesses can continue to thrive. Small businesses are the heartbeat of any economy, and they are the heart and soul of our neighbourhoods, cities, and towns. We must support and celebrate them, and with this legislative proposal, the Government is providing them with another measure that will improve corporate accountability, increase transparency, help protect the public and improve trust in our corporate institutions.



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## Managing Christmas and Holiday Season Stress

By Dr. Yako Merogi

The holiday season is often celebrated as a time of joy, togetherness, and relaxation. However, for many, it can be a source of overwhelming stress. From the perspective of a Chiropractor, the holiday season can place a significant burden on both physical and mental well-being. Fortunately, there are strategies to alleviate this stress, prioritize self-care, and enjoy quality time with family.

One primary source of stress during the holiday season is the rush to complete a long list of tasks. Whether it's shopping for gifts, decorating the home, or preparing elaborate feasts, these activities can take a toll on the body. As a Chiropractor, I often see an increase in patients with musculoskeletal issues exacerbated by the physical demands of the season. Prolonged periods of standing, carrying heavy packages, or bending to decorate can lead to back pain and discomfort. Therefore, it is crucial to maintain good posture and take regular breaks to prevent these issues from arising.

Additionally, the pressure to meet high expectations and create picture-perfect holidays can be mentally taxing. As a Chiropractor, I witness individuals grappling with a sense of inadequacy when their reality does not align with the idealized holiday portrayed in media. It's essential to remind ourselves that perfection is unattainable and to embrace the imperfections that make the season uniquely ours.

**To effectively manage holiday stress, consider the following tips:**

- **Prioritize Self-Care:** Allocate time for self-care activities that help reduce stress, such as meditation, deep breathing, or a warm bath. Schedule these moments as you would any other appointment.

- **Set Realistic Expectations:** Be honest with yourself about what you can realistically accomplish during the holiday season. It's okay to scale back on decorations, cooking, or gift-giving to maintain your sanity.

- **Stay Active:** Regular exercise can help alleviate physical tension and reduce stress. Incorporate simple workouts, like yoga or brisk walks, into your daily routine.

- **Lean on Chiropractic Care:** Regular visits to a chiropractor can help prevent or alleviate musculoskeletal issues. Chiropractic treatments can improve posture, release tension and overall physical well-being.

- **Delegate and Share Responsibilities:** Don't be afraid to ask for help from family members and friends. Sharing the responsibilities of holiday preparations can ease the burden.

- **Plan Ahead:** Create a detailed schedule for the holiday season to better manage your time. This can help you avoid last-minute stress and ensure you have time for relaxation.

- **Practice Gratitude:** Reflect on the true meaning of the holidays and focus on the joy of spending time with loved ones rather than materialistic concerns.

Incorporating these tips into your holiday routine can help you strike a balance between enjoying the festivities and safeguarding your well-being. By taking care of your physical and mental health, you'll be better equipped to savor the season and create lasting memories with your family.

In conclusion, the holiday season, while filled with joy and celebration, can also be a source of stress, both physically and mentally. A chiropractor and lifestyle coach perspective emphasizes the importance of self-care, realistic expectations, and seeking support when needed. By implementing these strategies, you can reduce holiday stress and make more time to connect with loved ones, ultimately embracing the true spirit of the season.

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## Transforming the Keele Valley Landfill and the adjoining Lands to a Legacy Park

By Angelo Filoso

In the early 1980's the Maple community, in the City of Vaughan, experienced the arrival of a multitude of new residents. They hastily purchased their forever home completely unaware that Canada's largest dump of 300 acres, with a capacity of 30 million tons of garbage, was a few kilometers away from their forever home. Once this news reached them, they began to fear the potential effects that this dump might have on their family. No data existed at the time of the potential effects of a landfill operation of this magnitude. There were many things to do, the community would need to organize, develop a strategy, and begin its execution. Mario Ferri, one of the hundreds of newcomers to Maple took on the challenge!

Mario Ferri identified two options the community could take; one was to move away and the second was to fight. The community chose to fight. The prevailing living conditions were impossible. Thousands of trucks filled the local streets, the dust clouds filled the skies, swarms of seagulls invaded the area daily and obnoxious and disturbing odors permeating the community were well beyond all acceptable levels. Mario Ferri, a local community activist and newcomer to Maple, knew that it was time for the community to rally together and begin to fight! Mario Ferri, together with other local community leaders and activists, co-founded the Vaughan Committee of Associations to Restore Environmental Safety (CARES).

Mario Ferri was elected and served as its president from 1988 - 1998. The goals of Vaughan CARES was to end the use of the

Keele Valley Landfill Site (Dump) and promote healthy living, safe communities, pride of place, fairness and equity. Being

guided by these principles, Vaughan CARES, hosted hundreds of community meetings, made presentations and deputations to local, regional and provincial governments between 1988 - 2002. This spirited, dedicated and determined group also organized, hundreds of protests, issued regular press releases, hosted marches, and candlelight vigils.

Many did not know that the Keele Valley Dump was located on the headwaters of the Don River in the Oak Ridges Moraine. Even though technical systems were in place to collect the leachate and methane gas produced, fears continued to haunt the residents of the potential health effects. In spite, of all these measures which were taken by the community, little progress towards the closure of the dump was achieved. Mr. Ferri saw the need and recommended the use of lawyers and consultants to assist in this battle.

In addition to sustaining the campaign to close the Keele Valley Dump, Vaughan CARES soon learned of yet a greater disturbing reality. The Provincial government of the time announced that a second megadump site was being considered for the Maple area. In the late 1980's the provincial government undertook a site selection process to create a megadump for future waste disposal. The site proposed at the time was located on King-Vaughan Road and Jane Street area. Hundreds of acres of land were assembled to host the proposed 60-million-ton garbage landfill. This site was three - four kilometers away from the active Keele Valley Dump site. This Provincial initiative now required the full attention of



Vaughan CARES. Once again, Mr. Ferri and the members of Vaughan CARES, sought and succeeded to secure intervenor funding from the Province of Ontario to hire qualified lawyers and consultants to represent the interests of the communities at the Interim Waste Authority scheduled hearings.

Supported by legal representation and expert consultants, Vaughan CARES developed a new strategy to fight this new mega-dump. As with the Keele Valley Dump campaign, Vaughan

### The battle began in the mid-1980's and ended on Dec. 31, 2002. No one expected a victory, but a victory was won by the people of Vaughan under the leadership of Mario Ferri!

CARES continued to speak with a single and united voice. Under Mario Ferri's leadership, Vaughan CARES implemented their strategic plan and continued to accelerate their protest marches, their demonstrations at Queen's Park in the City of Toronto and members of provincial government local offices. Vaughan CARES' tireless advocacy created greater awareness of this waste management issue in the public realm. Vaughan CARES accelerated their advocacy role and called for the protection of the natural environment, the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Don River. The group also promoted the introduction of new legislation and policies on the part of the provincial government to divert waste from landfills. By the mid-1990's Vaughan CARES with the support of the City of Vaughan, York Region and the Provincial government, finally eliminated the North Vaughan mega-dump site. This was a mega success! In the late 1990's, the Provincial government committed to a closure date for the Keele Valley Dump.

On December 31, 2002, at 12:00 AM, access to the Keele Valley dump was forever closed. Another major success! The gates closed for the last time as the last garbage truck left the site. The

14- year battle was finally over, marking the end of an era!

In 1997, Mario Ferri, was elected local Councillor for Ward 1 in Vaughan, where the Keele Valley and the North Vaughan mega-site were located. It became necessary now to explore what was to be done with the Keele Valley Dump site and nearby lands. To answer this question, Councillor Ferri, through a Council resolution requested staff to undertake a masterplan for these and other nearby lands. In 2002, staff responded with the Maple Valley Plan, which was unanimously approved. Since 2002 however, the plan has undergone many revisions with input from the community to create a special place, now known as the North Maple Regional Park (NMRP). The 900-acre park vision for the NMRP includes grandiose opportunities to enjoy passive and active recreation including a botanical garden, a family area, children's playground, a picnic area, toboggan hill, nature trails, soccer, cricket fields, water features and much more. This 900-acre Master Plan will certainly create new memories for everyone to experience in the City of Vaughan.

Nestled in the heart of the village of Maple, with over 200 acres of parkland now open for public use, the NMRP is transforming a wasteland to a wonderland. Within the Regional Park there is glorious space in which to think and hope, to dream and plan, to





Mario Ferri went on to champion many other causes in the City of Vaughan and the Region of York. He was re-elected and served for another 21 years as Local and Regional Councillor and Deputy Mayor. At the Region of York, he was appointed Chair of the Environment Committee for three Council terms. Councillor Ferri advocates and promotes the development and implementation of policies and programs addressing waste-management issues.

Today, he continues to serve as the Local and Regional Councillor, providing leadership in the project which challenged him for over 20 years, the NMRP. As Co-Chair of this project, Mario Ferri is committed to completing the full transformation of this 900-acre parcel of land from a dump to a “Legacy Park”, an ICON Victory for the City of Vaughan

**Local and Regional Councillor Mario Ferri continues to serve the residents of Vaughan in the following way, as:**

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- Co-Chair of North Maple Regional Park Advisory Committee
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- Founder and Honourary Chair of the Volunteer Recognition Society
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rest and resolve. Today, the pain and suffering experienced in the battle is past history. Back then however, Vaughan CARES knew that change was needed. The members of the Association knew that to bring about change they could not be afraid to take the first action in the long-awaited battle. They understood that the group would only fail when they failed to try. Mario Ferri and the members of Vaughan CARES also understood that leadership was critical to achieve their end goal. To them leadership was providing inspiration and vision and developing and empowering the residents to achieve their vision.

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year. May your festive season be filled with good health, joy and peace**

**Local and Regional Councillor Mario Ferri and Family**



**20 Years of Venturing Together**

The Seniors Association of Vaughan Initiative (SAVI), founded by its Honourary Chair, Mario Ferri in 2003. The initiative emerged from the consensus of members of the community whose interests it was to ensure better service provisions for the senior residents of the City of Vaughan. The founding board approved their mandate of advocacy, collaboration, diversity and inclusion. Representatives of 17 clubs serving 6,000 – 10,000 seniors annually, continue to lead this social enterprise.

The year 2023 marks SAVI's 20th Anniversary of venturing together. SAVI has accomplished much for seniors in this time frame. Among their achievements included the following: the execution of annual education and information workshops, the promotion



and implementation of a provincially mandated property tax rebate program for seniors, the renovation of member clubs facilities, the implementation of annual cultural and holiday concerts, the collection 230 bins of food and \$8000 or the Vaughan Food Bank, the raising \$13,000 contributing \$10,000 to the Vaughan Hospital and \$3000 to local groups, the hosting of annual Seniors fests attracting up to 1,400 seniors annually.

The community expresses appreciation and a special thanks to the SAVI Board, club members, sponsors and the City of Vaughan for the milestones achieved in the past, and the good works of the present. While SAVI has achieved much, the community believes that the best is yet to come!



Vaughan Residents having a good time at the annual SAVI event



Andriano Volpentesta, Mario Ferri and Gino Rosati



Mario and Vicky Ferri



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## Criminal Defence Lawyer Lawrence Greenspon For Human Rights and Justice

*By Angelo Filoso*

Lawrence Greenspon practices criminal defence and personal injury litigation. In fact, he is the only lawyer in Ottawa who is a specialist certified by the Law Society in both criminal and civil litigation.

On the personal injury side, Lawrence has represented many plaintiffs with spinal cord, traumatic brain and other serious injuries resulting from car accidents, slips and falls, product liability and police misconduct.

Lawrence Greenspon represents the little guy against governments, institutions, insurance companies and corporations.

As a criminal defense lawyer, Lawrence has represented people charged with murder, drug and other criminal offences. He represented the first person charged in Canada under the Anti-Terrorism Act. He is a past President of the Defense Counsel Association of Ottawa. He has done these cases at trial level, the Ontario Court of Appeal and has appeared in the Supreme Court of Canada on almost a dozen occasions.

He is a graduate of Ottawa University Law School and a member of its Honour Society.

In 1981, International Year of the Disabled Person, Lawrence Greenspon co-founded REACH, the Resource Education Advocacy Centre for the Handicapped and was a Chair and Board member of the organization for over 10 years.

He has been awarded the Gordon Henderson Award (County of Carleton Law Association) and the Advocates' Society Award of Justice.

He has also chaired the United Way Community Services cabinet, CAYFO (Child and Youth Friendly Ottawa), the Multicultural Centre, the Jewish Community Centre, Motorcycle Ride for Dad and the Prostate Cancer Fight Foundation.

In 2011, Lawrence inspired and created the Nordic Pole Walk for Cancer Survivor Care to support the programs and services of the new Maplesoft Centre in Ottawa.

He has volunteered by cycling, paddling, dancing (Dancing with the Stars for Easter Seals), Nordic Pole walking, playing hockey, boxing for Fight for the Cure, organizing, leading and auctioning for hundreds of charities in Canada, the Caribbean, Asia, the Far East and Africa.

He has been honoured as a CAYFO Champion and he has twice received the Golden Apple Award (the Ottawa Food Bank), the Quality-of-Life Award from St. Joe's Women's Centre, the Lifetime Achievement Award (Volunteer Ottawa) and the Community Builder of the Year Award (2008).

Mr. Greenspon is one of Canada's leading lawyers and his induction into the American College of Trial Lawyers recognizes this. He practices criminal defense and personal injury litigation as the senior partner with Greenspon Granger Hill in Ottawa. Lawrence is the only lawyer in Ottawa who is a specialist certified by the Law Society of Ontario in both criminal and civil litigation. He co-founded REACH, the Resource Education Advocacy Centre for the Handicapped and was a Chair and Board member of the organization for over 10 years.

The American College of Trial Lawyers is an invitation only fellowship of exceptional trial lawyers of diverse backgrounds from the United States and Canada. The College thoroughly investigates each nominee for admission and selects only those who have demonstrated the very highest standards of trial advocacy, ethical conduct, integrity, professionalism and

collegiality. The College maintains and seeks to improve the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics, and the administration of justice through education and public statements on important legal issues relating to its mission. The College strongly supports the independence of the judiciary, trial by jury, respect for the rule of law, access to justice, and fair and just representation of all parties to legal proceedings.

Mr. Greenspon is a member of the Common Law Honour Society and represents the ideals of excellence, leadership and community for which the Honour Society stands. Mr. Greenspon is deeply involved with many community organizations and philanthropic initiatives. In recognition of his achievements and his leadership, Mr. Greenspon has been awarded the Gordon Henderson Award (County of Carleton Law Association) and the Advocates' Society Award of Justice. **Congratulations Lawrence!**

## Accused “Freedom Convoy Leader” Tamara Lich Hires Lawrence Greenspon as defense Lawyer

*By Aeden Helmer*

Accused “Freedom Convoy” organizer Tamara Lich has retained the services of Lawrence Greenspon, the high-powered — and high-priced — Ottawa criminal defence lawyer known for taking on some of the city's highest-profile cases.

Lich was set to appear Monday morning before Superior Court Justice Robert Pelletier to ask the judge to relax some of the bail conditions that currently limit her access to social media.

Instead, her lawyer, Diane Magas, formally requested the change of counsel as Greenspon joined the virtual hearing.

The mischief, counselling and other related charges against Lich were recently updated to include Chris Barber as her co-accused. The two accused convoy leaders are being charged jointly and would therefore appear together in a trial.

Both were arrested on Feb. 17, the day before police made the massive arrests that brought an end to the three-week “occupation” of downtown streets.

Magas told court Monday she will remain counsel for Barber, while Greenspon will take over Lich's defense.

“I look forward to defending Ms. Lich,” Greenspon said in a phone interview following the hearing.

“It will be a pleasant change to represent somebody who has no criminal record and there's no weapons or violence, or anything of that nature involved in this case, so I look forward to defending Ms. Lich on these charges. “Pelletier said Monday he had reviewed the bail application, filed in writing by Magas on March 24, but the judge said he would not be presiding over the actual bail review hearing, as he is currently the lone Superior Court judge at the L'Orignal courthouse presiding

over the Prescott-Russell jurisdiction.

In a virtual hearing beset by technical difficulties — comically described by the judge as “something of an Italian opera that ended tragically” — the parties agreed to set a new date for a new Superior Court justice to hear the bail review.

That hearing is expected to last a full day and will be scheduled “in the weeks to follow,” Pelletier said.

Greenspon said in an interview he intends to pursue Lich's bail review application on similar grounds that were outlined by Magas in the application filed last month.

Lich, according to that application, is seeking to remove the bail condition barring her from accessing her social media accounts, arguing the condition “does not have a rational connection to the risk to public safety or the commission of further offences.”

Greenspon echoed that position Monday.

“The condition that she have no involvement in social media whatsoever is, in my view, unnecessarily broad and we intend to have that condition reviewed,” he said.

In his March 7 decision to overturn the lower court ruling that had denied Lich bail, Superior Court Justice John Johnston — also presiding as an out-of town judge — released Lich on conditions that banned her from logging on or posting any messages on social media.

She is not to allow anyone else to post messages to social media on her behalf, according to the judicial order, or “indicate approval for any future protests . . . .”

She is also prohibited from engaging in “the organization or promotion of anti-COVID-19 mandate activities and Freedom Convoy activities,” Johnston ruled, and is “not to verbally, in writing, financially or by any other means support anything related to the Freedom Convoy.”

Lich is seeking to relax those bail conditions as well, according to the application filed by Magas, who argued the restrictions violate several of Lich's charter rights, including the right to freedom of expression, freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of association and the right to reasonable bail.

“As the ‘Freedom Convoy’ is no longer in Ottawa, there is no longer any need for a condition banning any support of the ‘Freedom Convoy,’ ” the application states.

“That's pretty clear,” Greenspon agreed on Monday. “There's no longer any risk.”

Barber and Lich remain out on bail conditions that include the strict supervision of a court-approved surety, and both are restricted from communicating with a growing list of co-accused convoy leaders and participants.

Magas represented both Barber and Lich through their first court appearances and the bail phase.

She secured Barber's release the day after his arrest, and while Lich was initially denied bail, she won her release in a bail review hearing on March 7.

The change of counsel to Greenspon is notable. One of the city's most prominent defence lawyers in both civil and criminal courtrooms, Greenspon represented Mohammad Momin Khawaja in Canada's first terror trial and has defended clients ranging from former Taliban captive Joshua Boyle to former senator Mike Duffy.



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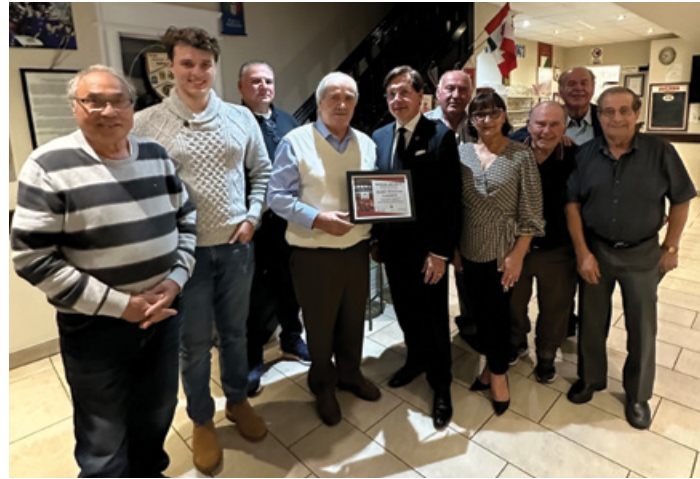
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The Centro Abbruzzese Canadese Ottawa Gala



President Nancy Galloro and Domenico with Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca



Founder and Honourary chair Mario Ferri and the President Esther Maglio and members



Annual Thornhill Haunted House built by Councillor Chris Ainsworth-Ward 4 and volunteers raising \$50,000 for Mackenzie Health



Dog Contest Judges and Community



## Community Events



Prime Minister Trudeau visits seniors in the community with MPP Francesco Sorbara



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Criminal defense Lawyer Melina Macchia is recognised by Gino Rosati and Chris Ainsworth from the City of Vaughan and editor





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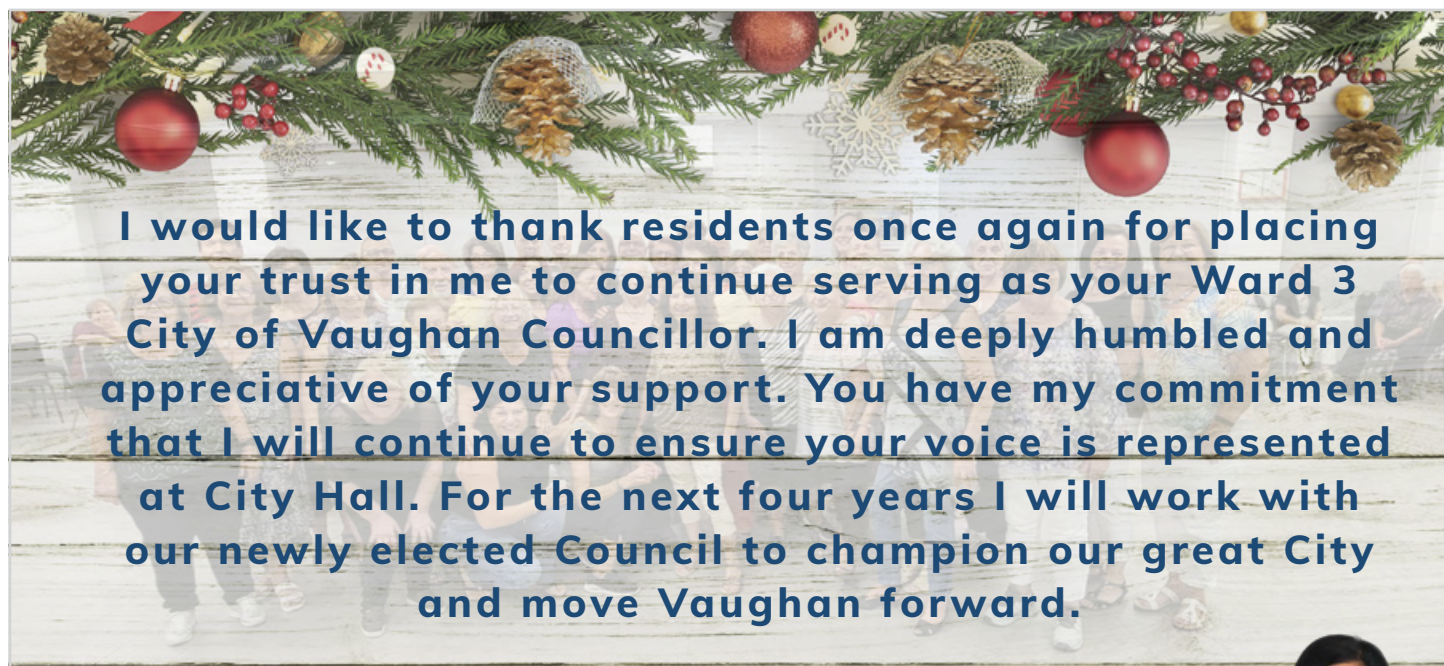
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*Season's Greetings*

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