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Letter from the Editor



The Magic of Summer has arrived to celebrate the energy of the sun which highlights joy connecting all human beings. This energetic season will disappear before we know it. Enjoy your summer vacation long overdue with family gatherings and friends. Make your simple things in life matter.

My cover page presented in this issue is Regional Councilor Gino Rosati, the Political Pioneer Champion of Vaughan. He is a respected leader whose early career began when Vaughan was a small town. His life story is very interesting, and I hope you enjoy reading it.

Early in May of this year, I was grateful to have been invited by a Group Of individuals to totally experience and tour Ireland from Coast to Coast. I thought Ireland with its 3000 BC History would have been poorer, but it has the second highest income per capita in all of Europe.

After gathering hundreds of breath-taking pictures from our group enjoy them with a small caption provided in this issue.

This year marks our third Anniversary of Publication. We shall be celebrating our anniversary in September with an intriguing public event.

Make this summer a priority to accomplish things which bring you Joy!

Have a safe and healthy Summer.

Sláinte Mhath. –“Good Health” in Gaelic

Josie Alonzi

Happy Day



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The Vaughan community has come together once again in support of the remarkable, compassionate and selfless volunteers and charitable organizations that dedicate countless hours of their time to safeguarding and elevating the quality of life for residents.

As Vaughan's new Mayor, I am determined to ensure that the Spirit of Generosity initiative remains a cornerstone of our city-building efforts to help care for some of our most vulnerable residents residing throughout our community.

The success of the 2023 Gala was possible because of the leadership demonstrated by trusted stewards like Maurizio Bevilacqua. As we look ahead, we must always remember that present leaders must reflect on the past to inform and inspire the actions necessary to help shape Vaughan's promising future.

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Soccer injuries: Description, Mechanism, Prevention, and Treatment

By Dr. Yako Merogi

Soccer, being a highly dynamic and physically demanding sport, is not without its fair share of injuries. From sprains and strains to fractures and concussions, soccer players are susceptible to various types of injuries. Understanding the description, mechanism of injury, and implementing preventive measures are crucial for players, coaches, and healthcare professionals. This article will delve into common soccer injuries, their mechanisms, and how Chiropractors can help in both prevention and treatment.

Common Soccer injuries and Mechanism of Injury

Sprained Ankle: one of the most prevalent soccer injuries, a sprained ankle occurs when the ligaments surrounding the ankle joint are stretched or torn due to sudden movements, collisions, or awkward landings.

Hamstring Strain: This injury involves the tearing of one or more of the hamstring muscles at the back of the thigh. It usually happens during rapid acceleration or kicking movements when the muscles are under high tension.

Knee Injuries: Soccer players often experience knee injuries such as ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) tears, meniscus tears, or patellofemoral pain syndrome. These injuries can result from direct impact, sudden changes in direction, or excessive twisting forces on the knee joint.

Prevention of Soccer Injuries

Proper Warm-up: engaging in a thorough warm-up routine before training or games helps prepare the body for intense physical activity, increasing blood flow and flexibility.

Conditioning and Strength Training: Regular exercises targeting strength, balance, and agility can enhance muscular endurance, stability, and resilience, reducing the risk of injuries.

Correct Technique: Coaches should emphasize proper technique during training sessions to ensure players execute movements with optimal biomechanics and reduce unnecessary stress on joints and muscles.

Treatment

Chiropractic Care: Chiropractors can provide manual therapies and adjustments to improve joint function, reduce pain, and restore proper movement patterns. They may also incorporate soft tissue techniques and rehabilitative exercises to enhance recovery and prevent future injuries.

Physiotherapy: Physiotherapists play a crucial role in soccer injury management. They employ a variety of techniques, such as therapeutic exercises, joint mobilization, electrotherapy to reduce pain, improve range of motion, and enhance functional abilities.

Rehabilitation Programs: Both Chiropractors and Physiotherapists design individualized rehabilitation programs tailored to the specific injury and the player's needs. These programs focus on strengthening weak muscles, improving flexibility, and gradually reintroducing players to sport-specific activities.

Conclusion

Soccer injuries can have a significant impact on players' performance and overall well-being. Understanding the mechanism of injury, implementing preventive strategies, and seeking appropriate treatment from chiropractors and physiotherapists are vital steps in managing and recovering from soccer-related injuries. By prioritizing proper warm-ups, conditioning, technique, and seeking professional guidance, players can minimize their risk of injury and maximize their longevity in the game they love. Remember, prevention is key, but if an injury does occur, seeking prompt and comprehensive care is essential for a safe return to soccer field.

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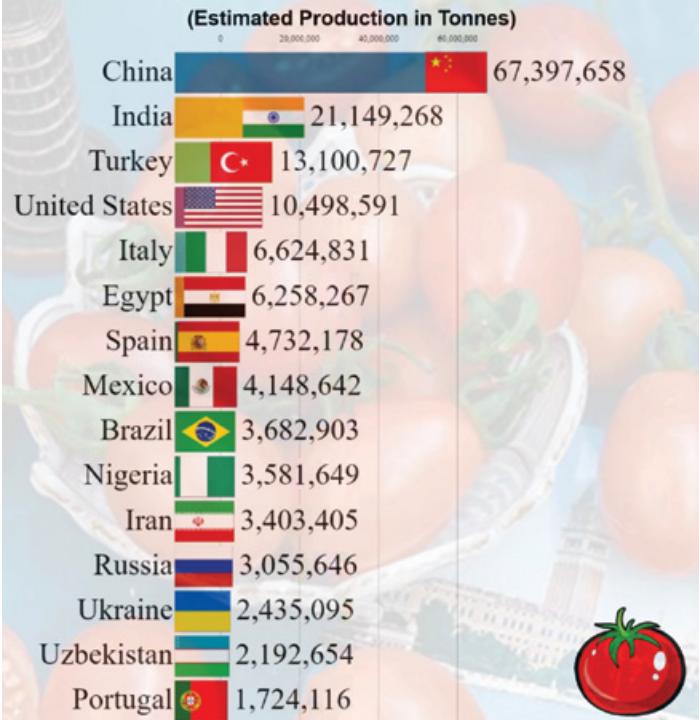
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PICTURED ABOVE The 2023 Ladies Night and Dancing for the Children Committee members, Linda Marsella, owner of Ballroom on Seven Dance Studio, Line Dancing at the annual Ladies Night, Charitable Event

On Monday, May 1st, over 170 women brought their energy together for an unforgettable evening in support of Sangate Women's Shelter of York Region. The annual charitable event, hosted by Ballroom on Seven Dance Studio and the 2023 Dancing for the Children Committee, took place at the Venetian Banquet Hall.

Every year, the studio hosts two events, including their upcoming 17th annual DFTC Gala which takes place on Friday, November 17th, 2023.

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Sisters Anna and Santina have always felt a special bond to their Woodbridge community. Since opening Zero 20 Kids in 1983, they have participated in countless fundraisers for local causes.

Over the years, Sick Kids Hospital (burn department) was the recipient of over \$20,000. When news broke that Vaughan would be getting their own hospital, and that they



Cheque presentation with Minister Francesco Sorbara

needed donations to furnish it, Zero 20 Kids put all their fundraising efforts into helping. Children are the reason Zero 20 Kids exists. Babies are the most vulnerable, and incubators are lifesavers.



Anna and Santina committed to raise \$40,000 through many events that they have organized in order to purchase an incubator for the neo-natal department, for the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital

The most successful event was their gift bag program. Clients can have their purchases gift bagged for a minimum donation of \$1.00 that goes directly towards the incubator. On June 21, 2023 Zero 20 Kids completed their pledge of an additional \$15,000 to reach their final goal of \$40,000.

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Drs. McLeans Park Indigenous Friendship Pollinator Garden

By Martha Bell, WPG

The Woodbridge Pollinator Group (WPG) received The City of Vaughan's Green Guardian Grant in May to expand the Drs. McLeans Park pollinator garden. The plan for this expansion was to create an indigenous friendship pollinator garden.

The group's goals for the garden were threefold: to support the declining pollinating insect and bird population and to address biodiversity loss; to use native plants that indigenous peoples would have used for medicinal or healthful purposes; and to raise awareness about the history of the first peoples who made this land their home. The hope was to do the project with the guidance, approval and participation of the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation (MCFN).

With the help of the City of Vaughan's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion officer, the group met F. Sault, MCFN Band Councillor and lead of the Environmental Committee and Elder Valarie King. Together with the band knowledge keeper, the planting and potluck celebration were planned.

It is appropriate that the MCFN be chosen to participate in this garden as the City of Vaughan is situated on Treaty 13 lands, the agreement held between the Mississauga and the Government of Canada. Also, the historical studies suggest that it is likely that a community of Mississauga lived and roamed the lands of Drs. McLeans Park and the surrounding area. The two branches of the Humber River that meet in the park suggest that it would have been a trading place for the indigenous nations and a gathering place for the Mississauga. It was reported by a local historian that his grandmother bought woven baskets in the 1920s from the Mississauga who still lived on the ridge above the park garden in the valley.

On May 10, the Woodbridge Pollinator Group held the planting event with the MCFN members. Band members Councillor Sault and Elder King emerged from their car in colourful ribbon skirts and the event began. They were given a tour of the parkland where many indigenous peoples had gathered over the centuries and observed the confluence of the two branches of the Humber River at the south end of the park.

At the garden site they met honoured guests, Mayor Steven

Del Duca and Councillor Adriano Volpentesta. The Band members began the planting by placing the sacred tobacco in the planting holes and putting in the first native plants. The Mayor and Councillor followed, each adding one plant, with the WPG members completing the planting. Councillor Sault and Elder King perused the garden and spoke of the uses of some of the plant species. The garden was successfully planted with 20 different native species.

During the potluck dinner, Elder King spoke of the teachings passed down to her from her grandmother. She related the difficulties and injustices experienced by her grandparents and the Mississauga Nation following white European settlement. Her conversation was enlightening and engaging. Over the course of the afternoon, a feeling of friendship developed, and WPG was invited to the MCFN pow-wow in August.

The garden is planted as an action to support biodiversity in the Woodbridge and City of Vaughan; as an action to increase awareness about the history of the Mississauga and indigenous peoples in the area; and as an action of inclusiveness and friendship with the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation in lieu of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report recommendations.

The WPG began in 2017 as a group of friends exchanging native pollinator plants for their private gardens. The activities soon evolved into the creation of gardens in public spaces in the Woodbridge area: Fred Armstrong Park, the Woodbridge Fairgrounds, Veterans Park and Drs. Mcleans Park. The City of Vaughan's Green Guardian Grant program and horticultural department, The Woodbridge Horticultural Society and the Woodbridge Fairboard were all instrumental in making the gardens happen. The City's assistance has been and continues to be foundational to the three gardens in the city parks and to WPG ongoing projects. WPG is honoured and proud that the three parties, the City of Vaughan, the MCFN, and the WPG came together to create a beautiful meaningful garden.





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Crime without Punishment

By Nella Macchia

We are living in a time where some crimes are not considered serious or worth prosecuting. Petty theft, theft of alcohol below a certain threshold are some examples that come to mind. I understand the liberal mindset that does not want to ruin a young person's future by convicting them of petty theft or an alcoholic who steals liquor to quench their addiction.

By sending the message that some crimes are not worthy of investigation and prosecution, sends a signal to the general population that has some very serious repercussions and ramifications for our communities and businesses. For example, in California, crime in certain neighbourhoods has gotten so bad that in downtown San Francisco a Retail Mall was permanently closed due to the rampant crime of shoplifting which created the following situation. Tenants stopped paying rent to the Mall landlord due to the rampant thefts. The employees refused to work in the stores without police presence in the stores or security guards on duty. If tenants cannot operate their businesses profitably and landlords don't get rent paid, they cannot pay their mortgage and taxes and may be forced to shutter the entire Mall as they did in San Francisco at the Westfield Mall. Once businesses start closing down, where do you think the thieves will go? Another mall or business will fall victim to this and eventually the entire city will fall into decline and decay. Shoppers will stop shopping at these malls as it is too dangerous and will shop online leading to the continued downward spiral.

With regards to seniors and other vulnerable populations, they are repeatedly targeted and preyed upon. Some examples that I have had direct involvement are the door to door sales people who target seniors by knocking on their doors and inviting themselves into their homes to check on their HVAC, AC, Water tank etc. They promise to check or provide a free evaluation. Once they get inside, they paint a picture of old appliances, systems, that need to be replaced at no cost to them or very minimal. The seniors are told to sign paperwork

without reading or understanding and then they find out later on that they are on the hook for a monthly rental and that their home is now the subject of a Security Interest or Lien for thousands of dollars plus interest and expenses.

Renovation scams are also very common and seniors are once again the target of scammers who advise that their roof or chimney needs to be replaced and demand a deposit. Once the deposit is delivered usually 50% of the contract, the scammers leave and no work is ever done.

Even though laws have been passed that allow you a ten day cooling off period for door to door sales, the laws do not adequately protect our seniors from being duped. They do not know or don't become aware for years later that their home has a lien for services that were highly inflated or questionable.

We have talked about the Grandparent scam in past articles, however there is a new twist to this one. Technology is now readily available to the scammers that allows them to use Artificial Intelligence to duplicate the exact voice of a grandchild or child to say they have been kidnapped and that they are in danger and require thousands of dollars to be paid for their safe release. These calls are completely fake. Seniors must tread very carefully as they are targeted and then if they fall prey to these scammers and pay money, they will be targeted again. This is where family members must have close contact and communication with their senior loved ones and an open dialogue that they are not to let strangers into their home or pay money for these telephone scams. Controls should be set on their bank accounts such that any withdrawal over a certain limit are not permitted without another person's consent.

Seniors victims are embarrassed and ashamed once they learn that they have been victimized and do not normally report these crimes to family members or police to be investigated and punished. In my view it is important to keep the lines of communication open and to impress upon them that they have support from family to call at any time if something sounds to good to be true.





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Regional Councillor Gino Rosati “The Pioneer Champion of Politics in the City of Vaughan”

By Angelo Filoso

Gino Rosati is a respected political leader whose early career began back when Vaughan was still a town. His constituents have always described him as a person dedicated to serving the people while keeping in mind the city's core values through a high level of compassion,



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integrity, and common sense. His story is one shared by many in Vaughan, that of a lone immigrant who arrived with little and turned his passion for his community into a means of bettering it. His determined

leadership mobilizes the community with the strong support of his fellow councillors as a Local and Regional Councillor in Vaughan.

Gino Rosati was born in a small town called Paglieta in the Abruzzo Region of Italy. After his formal education, and spending some time in the city of Milan, he went to Germany, where he became fluent in the German language. In his sense of adventure, he explored other opportunities, and he applied, and was quickly approved by the Canadian embassy to immigrate to Canada in 1967. He chose to travel with a luxury liner - the Raffaello - to experience the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.

Unlike most Italian immigrants who arrived at Pier 21 in Halifax, Gino landed in New York on Ellis Island. With no family or knowledge of the English language, Gino made his way directly to Toronto. He did temporary jobs and eventually decided to attend a full-time English language course, taking six months, allowing him to better integrate in Canadian society. He then obtained a license and worked as a driving school instructor for a few years

Gino married and started a family; he now has three children and six grandchildren who he loves dearly.

Determined to better himself and support his family, Gino changed career and based on his knowledge and financial training and courses taken, he was employed by a prominent finance company where he gained additional critical experience; Gino had found a calling. His success in the finance company lead to Gino being recruited by the Royal Bank of Canada with an offer to be a member of its team.



Maple Pioneer Seniors and MP Anna Robert



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With a willingness to learn the finance business, and a natural charisma perfectly suited to customer facing roles, Gino was soon promoted to Branch Manager. He was eventually transferred to manage the Woodbridge branch.

In this position of trust, he tripled the customer base of his branch in Woodbridge. Everyone remembers the guy who arranged their first loan and signed off on their first mortgage: following years of loyalty, Gino's customers began to confide in him on personal

matters and Gino established himself as a pillar in the local community.



Gino and Community Members

In addition, Gino was also very involved in community activities and various local organizations, he always continued with additional banking related studies and achieved the Fellowship of the Institute of Canadian Bankers.

Gino was elected as a local school board trustee in 1982 and in his six years with the board, used his financial expertise to steer the school board to greater efficiencies.

In 1988, Gino's success as a trustee and his desire to better his community inspired him to run for political office and shortly after Gino was elected as Vaughan's Ward Two Councillor.

In his new role as a Councillor, Gino was well prepared due to his financial and management experience. He questioned



Gino and Friends

the status quo and was able to achieve greater efficiencies as part of the City's overall strategic policies. In 1989, Gino started exploring the possibilities for a hospital in the city of Vaughan. Years later, all wheels were in motion with great community participation. The city of Vaughan contributed \$80 million toward the acquisition of land with taxpayers

West Woodbridge Seniors, Community Dinner

money borrowed internally from reserve funds - now all paid back and no longer part of the property tax bill. Gino was part in ensuring that the process was in keeping with complex and lengthy provincial guidelines towards the necessary

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Gino's expertise on Zoning and Planning contributes to the success of City Planning and Infrastructure, particularly in the lengthy and ongoing process of the new Official Plans.

Gino is proud of his contributions towards developing Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, addressing Vaughan's traffic congestion, participating in the creation of Vaughan's Metropolitan Centre and improving services at the York Region Transit (YRT). Gino is also proud of his contribution to



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Mayor's Gala with Mayor Steven Del Duca

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Gino Rosati, Premier Doug Ford and Minister Tibollo



Gino Rosati with Minister Lecce, Residents and Frontline Workers

maintaining low property taxes for Vaughan citizens, consistently pushing back on annual budget proposals for re-examination and cost reductions, while maintaining high levels of service delivery for the tax payer.

Gino is committed to working with the community to achieve a better quality of life for all residents of Vaughan. He is presently Chair of the York Region Health and Social Services Committee, and Tourism Vaughan Corporation. He is a member of York Regional Housing Corporation and the Official Plan Review Committee for the City of Vaughan.

Gino has received many acclamations and honorary certificates of appreciation for his volunteer work in the

community, most recently from Crafting for a Cure charitable organization.

Many people remember Gino Rosati as the local Bank Manager who gained the trust of his customers. His philosophy is to “Put things into perspective and do what you think is right by taking everything into consideration. But above all, treat people with kindness and respect.”

Councillor Gino Rosati is truly a political pioneer and champion of the City of Vaughan, who has gained the trust of the people. A great indicator of his future endeavors can be seen in his past accomplishments. We look forward to many more years of his unshakable dedication to Vaughan.



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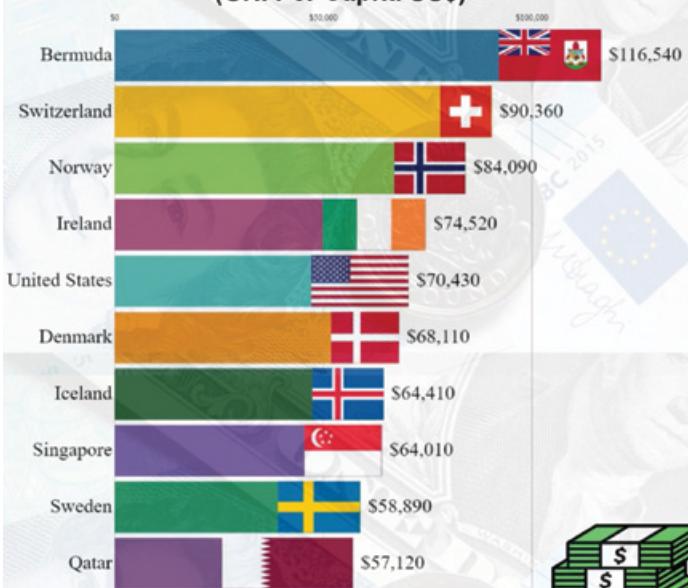


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Community Events

Woodbridge Village Farmers' Market

The Woodbridge Village Farmers' Market is a friendly, big-hearted market located on the northwest corner of Hwy #7 and Islington Ave., at the Woodbridge Pool & Memorial Arena parking lot, in Vaughan, Ontario. It was founded with the idea to support local growers and, also, to bring community spirit to Woodbridge. It is a true farmers' market since over 50% of the vendors qualify as farmers.

Run by a committee of volunteers under the umbrella of the Woodbridge Agricultural Society, it is a not-for-profit market enjoying its 15th year this summer. The Woodbridge Village Market has the support of the Economic Development Department and the City Council of the City of Vaughan. And, this year the market was selected for corporate sponsorship by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority.



One of the main reasons it exists is to encourage the community to buy locally grown and harvested IN SEASON conventional and organic vegetables and fruit. The farmer vendors are passionate about their produce which includes honey, strawberries, garlic, mushrooms and greens. Visitors are also able to enjoy ready to eat



empanadas, sausage rolls, Sicilian rice balls, freshly made sweets, breads and pies. Most Saturdays, about 15 vendors attend.

The community spirit is always evident at the free booth offered to charitable and service groups each week. On June 17, Italian Day was featured to celebrate Italian Heritage Month in Vaughan, and volunteer members of the Catholic Women's League at St. Margaret Mary Parish demonstrated the making of PASTA and PIZZELLE at the market's community booth. Over 900 visitors watched these talented ladies and were able to take some homemade crostoli, biscotti and pasta home to enjoy. The display of Italian costumes, the sound of live accordion music and an Italian singer added to the atmosphere. It proved to be a very Italian Day!

Volunteers are always there to help with the many special events at the Woodbridge Village Farmers Market. It's a fun place for friends and families to come Saturday mornings to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. The Market even sets up a kids' colouring table at the Kids' Club booth.

This market runs every **Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, rain or shine until the Thanksgiving Weekend. There is plenty of free parking at Woodbridge Pool and Memorial Arena.



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We are a non-profit organization based in Vaughan, Ontario. As an organization we work toward the betterment of our community in the aid of its citizens regardless of age, gender, race or ethnicity. We provide support for seniors as well as organize enjoyable activities for young children to educate and brighten faces.





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Canadian Innovation Corporation and Canada Growth Fund: Paving the Way to Economic Prosperity

**by The Honourable Tony Loffreda, CPA
Independent Canadian Senator (Quebec)**

After sponsoring last fall's Bill C-32, the Fall Economic Statement Implementation Act, I am honoured to have been asked by the Government to serve as the Senate sponsor of Bill C-47, its Budget Implementation Act, no.1 for 2023.

As the sponsor of the bill, it is my responsibility to shepherd the bill through the legislative process in the Upper Chamber. I have been working closely with the offices of Minister Freeland and Senator Gold, the Government Representative in the Senate, in trying to make sure the bill does not hit any roadblocks along the way and in providing all necessary support to Senators as they consider the measures in this 430-page piece of legislation.

The bill contains 4 parts and approximately 60 different measures that will amend dozens of different acts of parliament.

Among all these measures, the bill (if adopted) will 1. double the deduction for tradespeople's tools from \$500 to \$1,000; 2. automatically issue quarterly advance payments of the Canada Workers Benefits so lower-income Canadians can get money sooner; 3. temporarily cap the inflation adjustment for excise duties on beer, spirits, and wine at 2 per cent; 4. create a single external complaints body for banks; 5. modernize the Citizenship Act to improve client services by enabling electronic administration and enforcement of the Act; 6. strengthen air passenger rights by streamlining the process of administrating air travel complaints and shifting some of the financial burden from government to industry; and 7. lower the criminal rate of interest to 35 per cent to protect Canadians from falling into a cycle of debt that they cannot afford nor escape.

Beyond these seven measures, there are two provisions in the bill that, in my opinion, stand out and have the potential of creating good-paying, family-supporting jobs, while caring for the environment and generating much-needed wealth for our country.

The first measure is the establishment of the Canada Innovation Corporation (CIC), a new Crown corporation that will be accountable to Parliament, who's mandated to help solve the problem of low business investment in research and development across all sectors and regions of Canada. These future investments should help

Senator Tony Loffreda

generate new and improved products and processes that will support the productivity and growth of Canadian firms. The Corporation will be funded through an annual statutory transfer in order to provide consistent, long-term funding to ensure operational stability and the ability to establish lasting partnerships



with the private sector. Starting in 2023-24, and for its first four years of activity, the CIC will receive \$2.6 billion to help unlock more innovation across the Canadian economy.

In fact, the CIC has the potential to address some of the major concerns our Committee on Banking, Commerce and the Economy has heard over the past few months as part of our study on business investments in Canada, and in particular the need for greater collaboration with businesses to promote the creation and retention of intangible assets.

The second measure, which was first announced last year and officially launched with the passage of Bill C-32, makes changes to the Canada Growth Fund (CGF), a \$15 billion arm's length public investment vehicle that will help attract private capital to build Canada's clean economy. The creation of this Fund has been well-received by various sectors of the economy.

After a soft launch earlier this year, Bill C-47 now proposes to enable the Public Sector Pension Investment Board with the authority to manage the assets of the CGF. The Board will use investment instruments that absorb certain risks in order to catalyze private investments in low carbon projects, technologies, companies, and supply chains.

With the CIC and the CGF, billions of dollars will be injected into our economy to stimulate growth, increase business productivity, improve our competitiveness, and transition to a net-zero economy. I am hopeful these two entities will work with all relevant partners in ensuring their success.

As with any other budget implementation acts, Bill C-47 is at the top of the list of legislative priorities for the Government and the expectation is that we adopt the bill before the summer recess. I am confident the Senate will be able to deliver on its mandate to adequately review the bill and give it the sober-second thought it deserves and, as the sponsor of the bill, I am fully committed to supporting my Senate colleagues in their evaluation of the bill.



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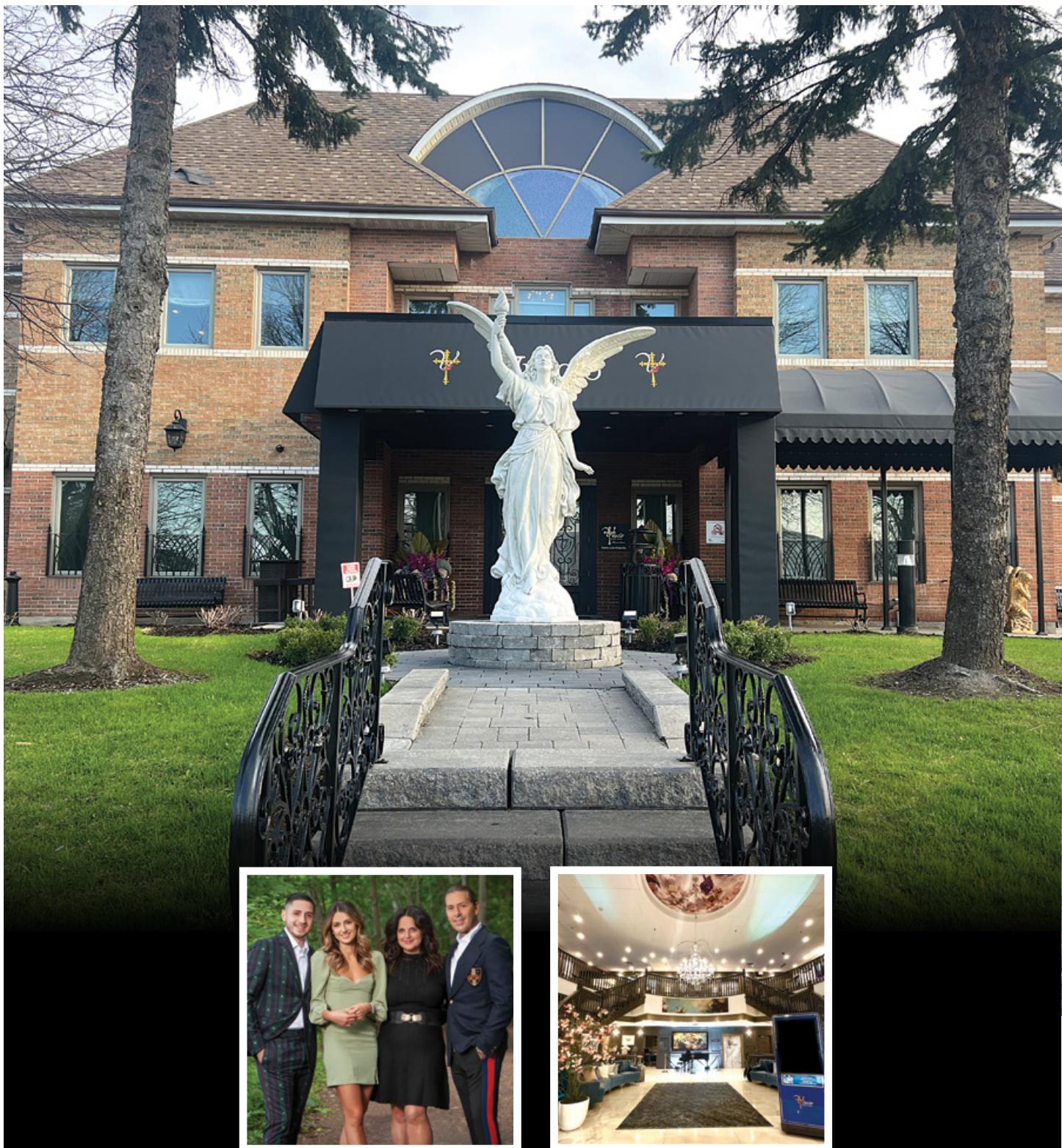


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By Josie Alonzi

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The History of Ireland is so intricate that you would need a lifetime to learn its beginning. Enjoy our presentation of the photos presented and Ireland from Coast to coast must be experienced to the fullest of its richness, culture and History.



Belfast City Hall with the Titanic Gardens



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Our Editor Leaving a signature of Unity of the great divide



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