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Lobbying our elected officials when necessary, will insure we live our daily life in harmony.

#### IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES TO NOTE

2022 Municipal Election: Monday, October 24

Advance Vote (online): Thursday, October 6 to Thursday, October 20

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## Letter from the Editor



Fall has come and the leaves are turning into spectacular colours signifying summer is over.

It has been a great summer for our children who were anxiously wanting to return to school eliminating online teaching. Socializing is very important for the growth of our children who missed their

friends because of school closures due to the COVID Lock Down.

In this issue I chose to concentrate on the Municipal Election of Vaughan. Our front page is Vaughan's City Hall depicting the administration of our city. Several candidates are featured to communicate their platform and commitment to the Citizens of Vaughan. On page 4 Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua has written to the residents stating it was a pleasure to serve on City Council for three terms. Mayor Bevilacqua was the first Mayor to be featured in The Voice 2020 January issue. Maurizio is a true community leader who has shown his commitment to the residents during the last 12 years as the Mayor of Vaughan. We wish him the best of endeavors in his future.

Remember to vote on Monday October 24, 2022. It is important to carry out your Civic Duty. Good luck to all the Candidates. I thank the candidates for their courage in putting their name forward in this Municipal Election.

I wish you all Good Health and a Blessed Thanksgiving with Family and Friends.

Josie Alonzi





#### For Vaughan, the best is yet to come!

As I write this column as Mayor of the City of Vaughan, I want to sincerely thank you for giving me a strong mandate to serve and for your unwavering support. I will forever be grateful to you - the great people of Vaughan - for gifting me with the privilege and opportunity to serve citizens who truly understand that the ultimate purpose in life is to improve the human condition.

The past 12 years as your Mayor have been nothing short of exceptional. We have achieved many significant citybuilding accomplishments that will improve the quality of life for generations to come. Together, we've welcomed a series of firsts in our city: Vaughan is the first municipality outside of Toronto to have two subway connections; Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital is Canada's first smart hospital delivering world-class healthcare services; Vaughan's first university,

Niagara University in Ontario, is providing opportunities for higher education in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre; the 900-acre North Maple Regional Park is Vaughan's most ambitious park development yet and more than 70,000 jobs have been created since 2010. In addition, Vaughan is a safe city home to remarkable small and large businesses that create jobs for more than 235,000 people.

Your fingerprints are on each of these milestones, and I want to express my appreciation for your contributions to Vaughan's ongoing success. Today, our city has an exciting and promising future on the horizon. It has been a remarkable journey, and I look forward to the next chapter as Vaughan continues to take its rightful place as a worldclass city.

Once again, thank you. It will forever remain my life's honour to have served the residents of Vaughan.





# Education: the key to unlocking your future potential

By Freeda Bukhari Khan

Fall is around the corner and that means back to school for all. Education is an important part of life if you're five years old, fifteen or fifty-five as you can learn at any age. Life-long learning ensures you have the key skills through-out your career, which is never a straight path and can be bumpy at times, but education is a safety net to help you manage and thrive.

I know as I have worked in education for the past 25 years, first as a student, as an administrator and now as a professor. I have worked with thousands of students, both domestic and international, undergraduate and graduate and all have been a joy to work with. As I moved into more senior roles I decided to go back to school and get a Master of Education degree. I had a newborn and 2 young children under 5, I worked full-time and studied part-time. Needless to say, it was a lot to juggle but I thoroughly enjoyed studying and writing, and, as a mature adult, I had a greater appreciation for learning, I was a much better student and an expert in time management given all the new responsibilities.

Ås my career evolved, I created international programs for students which took me to 26 countries and 37 cities around the world. While traveling, I saw first-hand how the experience of visiting a new country and culture was exciting and transformed the students. They developed a global mindset, cultural awareness and an appreciation for different ways of thinking, doing and being. Learning about other cultures, meeting people with diverse backgrounds, and gaining new thoughts, ideas and experiences through these interactions was eye-opening and some would say life-changing. Students were excited, humbled, confused, awakened and these experiences brought a whole new level of awareness that the world is large, hugely diverse with multiple cultures and viewpoints. It was important to showcase the beauty of this diversity to students and others which led me to continue learning and my next degree.

Currently, I'm pursuing my Ph.D. at the Ontario Institute

of Education at the University of Toronto and my research interest is in intercultural competence and cultural intelligence. My research focuses on how individuals develop intercultural competence, how can we improve our cultural awareness of others and cultural intelligence. One of the most sought-after skills employers are looking for is a global mindset and cultural intelligence. Intercultural competence is having the ability to communicate effectively and appropriately with people from diverse cultural backgrounds which is vital in today's globalized world. Every company, organization and institution has a global connection either through global subsidiaries, procuring raw materials or other products internationally or they have global clients and customers. And if they don't, they most likely have a diverse workforce with people from multiple cultural backgrounds. Being a Pakistani-Canadian, I can appreciate how effectively communicating with people of diverse backgrounds is important as we live and work in a multicultural society.

As you build your cultural intelligence, you will become more adept at navigating challenges and issues with cultural diversity and you will begin to have the foresight to know that we are similar but also very different and how to maintain respect for those differences and even appreciate them. Through this work, I have become Certified in Cultural Intelligence Assessment which is a psychometric assessment on your cultural knowledge and how to improve it and I am certified in Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) to assess your intercultural competence.

Using this knowledge, education and certifications I have been able to pursue a second passion in teaching and consulting work. I have been a professor at various colleges and universities teaching courses in intercultural competence, intercultural communication, marketing, and global business. I am a speaker at conferences, workshops and most recently I was a speaker for New Immigrant Women in Toronto.

Today's society is very different. Globalization has ensured that we are all more interconnected and interdependent. We're all affected by financial crises, political upheavals, social issues and health concerns as we've witnessed with Covid. We must get along together, work together and respect each other to be successful in our careers but more importantly as humans and intercultural competence is the key to this success.



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# I AM COMMITTED TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR YOU FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR CITY.

#### **Growth & Planning**

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- Continue to offer a diverse range of housing options for all residents

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# "The future has never been brighter for young Canadians"

by Francesco Sorbara, MP

Since 2015, our government has worked tirelessly to make it easier for young Canadians to access new training and work opportunities. As a government, we are working tirelessly to provide the training and educational opportunities young Canadians need to allow them to develop the skill set required to succeed in today's highly competitive domestic and global workplace. With an aging workforce and Canadians entering their retirement years, opportunities for youth to grow in their careers and have a bright future.

Our government continues to invest in youth to ensure they can access the tools they need to jump-start their careers. On September 3rd, we concluded another successful Canada Summer Job program with over 140,000 positions for youth across Canada.

#### Here in Vaughan-Woodbridge, we supported:

- Close to 400 jobs for youth
- Over \$1.4 million in direct funding

These jobs with small businesses, non-profits, and local governments provided hands-on work experience for young people, helping them gain new skills that can lead to full-time jobs in the future.

Investing in education is one of the best ways to create jobs, grow the economy, and build a better future for young Canadians. To assist students and parents with the cost of education, make it easier for students to acquire new skills, and enter the workforce, we have implemented the following:

- Canada Learning Bond: if you're turning 18 in 2022, you could get up to \$2,000 for your education through the Canada Learning Bond.
- Canada Apprenticeship Loan: if you're an apprentice in a Red Seal Trade, you could get up to \$4,000 in interest free loans for each training period.
- Canada Student Grants and Loans: if you're a full-time post-secondary student, you could get up to \$6,000 every year in grants and loans. We've also:
  - Doubled the amount of Canada Student Grants for which students are eligible;
  - Waived interest on Canada Student Loans until March 2023; and Made it so that, starting November 1st, you won't have to start repaying your federal student loans until you're earning at least \$40,000 per year.
- **Apprenticeship Incentive Grant:** if you're a registered apprentice who has completed their first or second level of training, you could get up to \$1,000 in grants for each training level.
- Apprenticeship Completion Grant: if you're an apprentice or journeyperson completing their training, you could get up to \$2,000 for your final level of training.

We're going to stay focused on supporting young Canadians as they build their careers to help grow our economy, create jobs, and build a better future – for everyone.

Francisco Sorbara

Member of Parliament for Vaughan-Woodbridge





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## FOR COUNCILLOR-WARD 3 VAUGHAN-WOODBRIDGE by Angelo Filoso

"A family man looking for change in moving Woodbridge Vaughan forward"

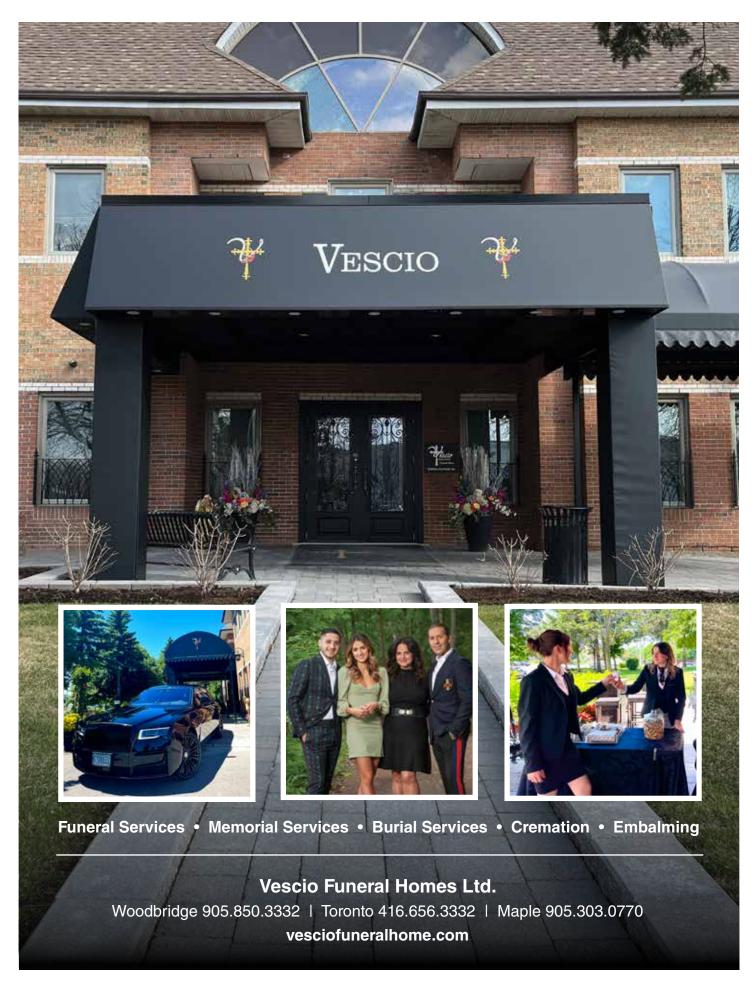
Gino Nardi grew up in Toronto's Little Italy in the neighborhood of St.Clair and Dufferin streets. His parents immigrated to Canada in 1968. Like many immigrants they came to Canada looking for a better life. Gino's parents found a great country in which to work and raise a family. In 1985 the Nardi family took the opportunity and moved to Maple in the City of Vaughan.

Gino Nardi attended De la Salle College and York University. After some formal education his spirit and creativity led him to work in the Hair Salon business and opened his own in Vaughan of which to this date he successfully operates with several employees. Being in business for almost 25 years has given him much experience and a pulse and wants of the people in the community. Being a good listener to his clients' opinions especially on municipal issues such as high property taxes, high costs for services, senior care and attainable housing for young couples Gino decided to throw his hat in the race for the Vaughan Municipal Election in Ward 3..

Gino Nardi is committed to his community in which he has raised his family for the last 20 years. He possesses the attributes needed to be a great Councillor and he believes he can bring a "common sense" approach and a new voice to represent the residents in Ward 3.

Gino Nardi believes with his business experience, personality and commitment to the community in Ward 3 he can definitely make a change and move the citizens of Vaughan forward to a new era of transparency and efficiency to lower costs and better amenities for his constituents in the City of Vaughan.

If you want change and keep costs down and receive better service in the City of Vaughan, come out to vote Gino Nardi in Ward 3 on Monday October 24, 2022



I would like to personally congratulate all the candidates that stepped forward to run for the municipal election in Vaughan.

To all the Italian citizens who reside in Canada ballots from the Italian consulate will be mailed soon to you.

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Mi chiamo Federico Felli ho 46 anni e sono Abruzzese, di Celano, provincia de L'Aquila.

Ho iniziato a frequentare il Canada nel 2001 dove ho conosciuto mia moglie, Italiana e figlia di emigrati negli anni 60 , con la quale vivo stabilmente a Toronto.

Ho lavorato per diversi anni come manager di una multinazionale americana e recentemente ho intrapreso l'attività imprenditori ale nel settore produttivo-alimentare.

Sono da sempre attivo in politica, nel 2019 ho formato il primo gruppo di Lega Nel Mondo in Canada di cui oggi sono coordinatore

Faccio quindi parte di un gruppo di lavoro e come squadra, ci siamo prefissati l'obiettitvo di far intendere chiaramente le esigenze reali degli italiani residenti all'estero, rappresentandone le istanze nel parlamento Italiano con competenza e fermezza. Di seguito, leggeral alcune delle iniziative svolte e impegni presi per la nostra comunità :

Nel 2020, in piena pandemia abbiamo richiamato l'attenzione del parlamento italiano sui disservizi consolari, con la collaborazione di alcuni deputati di centrodestra, abbiamo presentato una interrogazione parlamentare nella quale chiedevamo provvedimenti di urgenza in una situazione di emergenza.

La nostra porposta prevedeva nomine di Vice Consoli e decentramento degli uffici, per evitare ritardi e disagi poi verificatisi.

Nel 2021, abbiamo presentato una nuova lista alle elezioni per il rinnovo dei Com.lt.Es, organismo rappresentativo della comunità Italiana, con grande successo abbiamo eletto consiglieri che stanno offrendo importanti contributi nelle commissioni per la Scuola e Cultura, Made in Italy e Comunicazione

Nel 2022, siamo intervenuti con una seconda interrogazione parlamentare sui certificati di validità della patente di guida per gli Italiani all'estero, "newcomers", proponendo l'erogazione degli attestati di validità come servizio consolare, frutto di un accordo tra i ministeri competenti, le Istituzioni a disposizione dei cittadini.

Questa é solo una piccola parte del lavoro già iniziato, abbiamo ancora molta strada da percorrere e proposte da avanzare come: accorciare i tempi per la cittadinanza e passaporti agli Italo discendenti; promuovere la semplificazione fiscale per i residenti all'estero; sollecitare l'istituzione del MINISTERO PER GLI ITALIANI ALL'ESTERO.

Pertanto, sono a chiederti di dare fiducia, con il tuo voto, a me e alla squadra che rappresento affinchè possiamo rafforzare il nostro impegno a favore di tutti gli Italiani residenti nel Centro e Nord America. La politica é servizio al cittadini e deve porsi l'obiettivo di migliorare la qualità della vita delle persone.

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# An Inspiring Interview with Sandra Yeung Racco

by Angelo Filoso

Sitting down and interviewing Sandra Yeung Racco, an accomplished Ward 4 Councillor of the City of Vaughan, I was impressed, Sandra is well organized and very involved in the community. Immigrating to Canada with her parents in 1968 from Hong Kong, Sandra knows first-hand the dedication and work ethic to persevere as a newcomer and the important role the community plays.

Graduating from University of Toronto with a degree in music, Sandra began her career in international business and economic development and went on to pursue a higher calling as a dedicated public servant. First elected as Ward 4 Councillor in 2003, Sandra has developed an expert understanding of municipal government operations, and the ability to work with Council colleagues, and Regional, Provincial and Federal counterparts to deliver important city-building priorities.

Sandra has four children and is excited to be a grandmother in the very near future. Her children now being well established in their careers and personal lives, she feels it is the right time to



answer the call and step up to be the next Mayor of Vaughan. With her experience and accomplishments, Sandra Yeung Racco is a Mayoral candidate that will continue to move Vaughan forward. In her own

"After careful consideration and reflection on the work and accomplishments I have made as a local councilor for more than 18 years and evaluating the progress we as Council, have

made as a City, I have the acumen, the ability and the vision required to be the next Mayor of Vaughan.

As a public servant, I have worked tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Vaughan since being first elected in 2003 and am proud to currently be the longest serving Asian female politician in the City of Vaughan and York Region.

As a champion for arts and culture, small businesses and entrepreneurs, smart city innovations, sustainability, and important infrastructure improvements to keep residents and businesses moving safely and efficiently I ensure to always keep citizens' priorities as my priorities.

I have demonstrated work ethic and tenacity, along with the principles of fairness, integrity, and accountability and I will continue to lead Vaughan to the next stage of becoming the most desirable and welcoming place to live, work and play. Together working with my Council colleagues, City Staff, and the citizens of Vaughan, we will continue to build a city that is recognized for accountability, transparency, sustainability and innovation.

Effective and balanced leadership is key to Vaughan's success, and I will lead the city through the next phase."

After discussing her extensive experience and vision, I asked if the property taxes would rise in the next budget. "Property taxes will continue to be kept low, and in fact, we have had one of the lowest rates in the GTA for over 12 years. We will achieve this by delivering exceptional services and improvements through innovation. Our goal is to continue to keep property tax rates below three percent for the next budget and improve upon service levels," says Sandra Yeung Racco. It is also her intention to find solutions to traffic issues by moving people more quickly, efficiently, and safely with proven infrastructure strategies and smart city innovations, some of which are already being piloted and implemented.

"In the end, promises can be made, but all you have to really consider is a proven track record of accomplishments as a Councillor for the past eighteen years," says Sandra. Sandra Yeung Racco has the vision to be a great mayor and will continue moving Vaughan forward.

# VAUGHAN'S OFFICIAL LIST OF REGISTERED CANDIDATES FOR THE 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

#### **VAUGHAN COUNCIL**

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Sandra Yeung Racco

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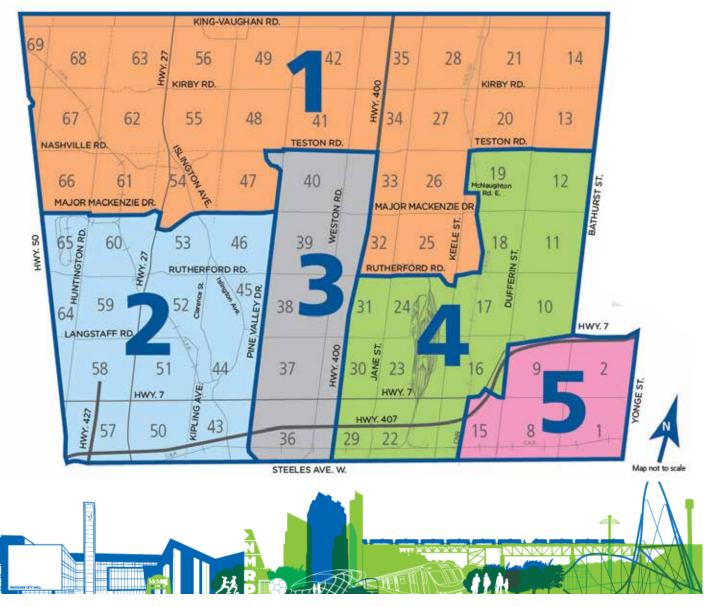
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# Steven Del Duca "A Strong **Community Leader Working** for the Citizens of Vaughan"

By Angelo Filoso

At the age of fifteen, Steven volunteered in the 1988 federal election campaign under the leadership of former Prime Minister John Turner. It was the start of 34 years of political activism during which he has been dedicated to making his community, his province and his country a stronger place to call home.

Steven's grandfather Alfonso came to Canada from Italy in 1951 looking for an opportunity to make a better life for himself and his family. He was a relentlessly hard worker and he taught his kids and grandkids to work hard, to sacrifice and to focus on family. Steven took these lessons to heart and they have been at the core of how he has approached public service. The result is a proven track record of delivering many projects – like the hospital, the hospice, the Highway 427 extension and the subway – to improve the quality of life for Vaughan residents.

Born in Etobicoke, Steven and his family first moved to Vaughan (specifically Kleinburg) 35 years ago. Today, he and his wife Utilia are raising their two young daughters (and their two



dogs!) in Woodbridge. As a long time resident, he has a strong feeling for what will improve the every day lives of Vaughan residents. His #1 priority as Mayor will be to tackle the traffic gridlock that is choking so many of Vaughan's neighbourhoods. As a former Ontario Minister of Transportation, Steven has a unique set of skills and experience to deliver on his anti-gridlock guarantee starting on day one.

His plan to tackle gridlock includes delivering relief on Highway 7, Rutherford Road and Major Mackenzie Drive by connecting Langstaff, Teston and Kirby and moving trucks to Highway 407 so motorists have more options. He also wants to ensure that the Yonge North Subway Extension is built as soon as possible and is determined to push for GO Train service for Woodbridge and Kleinburg-Nashville.

#### Beyond fighting traffic gridlock, Steven committed to the following during our interview:

- 1. Keep property taxes low while improving customer service at City Hall
- 2. Provide real property tax relief to our seniors so they can keep living in their homes
- **3.** Continue to advance Mayor Bevilacqua's vision for the development of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre and the Vaughan Hospital precinct, as well as creating a state-of-the-art training facility for Canada's National Soccer program.
- 4. Fight violent crime, auto theft and home break-ins in our city by working closely with York Regional Police to establish more community policing in our neighbourhoods
- 5. Support our small businesses by working with the federal government to attract more skilled workers and emphasize a "buy local" campaign to support the entrepreneurs who help our economy thrive.

At the end of my interview with Steven, I discovered that he has a "Real Sense of Community Spirit" and it was clear that he cares deeply for the families of Vaughan. He is a man of principle who has the skills, experience and energy to provide our city with stable leadership and there's no doubt he will Get Vaughan Moving!



I am your 2022 candidate for Councillor of Ward 1, Maple & Kleinburg. Since elected in 2010 I can proudly say that I have delivered on each commitment made.

Now more than ever, you need someone who isn't afraid to go above and beyond to deliver what is important to you and your family.



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# Senator Tony Loffreda

# A Celebration 75 Years in the Making: Canada-Italy **Bilateral Relations**

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

2022 marks the 75th anniversary of the formal establishment of bilateral relations between Canada and Italy. It was in 1947, two years after World War II, that our two nations recognized the value and immense opportunities of working together for the betterment of our people.

As a Canadian of Italian descent, I know how important it is for Italian Canadians, which numbers 1.5 million people and represents one of the largest Italian diasporas in the world, to maintain, cultivate and cherish its links to the mother land.

For three-quarters of a century, the bonds that unites Canada and Italy have been carefully nurtured and, today, we have many reasons to be proud of our joint efforts to increase cultural, educational, and economic exchanges. I think, for instance, of the youth mobility agreement signed between Canada and Italy in December 2020 that seeks to improve labour market access for Canadians and Italians between the ages of 18 and 35.

Just a few months ago, Prime Minister Trudeau and Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi renewed their commitment to working together to identify concrete initiatives to further deepen bilateral cooperation on a range of shared priorities and objectives. As Vice-Chair of the Canada-Italy Interparliamentary Group, a forum for collaboration between Italian and Canadian parliamentarians, I am also fully committed to enhancing our mutually beneficial partnership.

In fact, earlier this month, His Excellency Andrea Ferrari, Italian Ambassador to Canada, invited me to his residence in Ottawa to consider some of the ways we could strengthen the ties that link our nations. We discussed the possibility of hosting an economic summit with various business leaders, academics, and trade experts to further explore how we can increase trade between Canada and Italy. We both agree there are countless opportunities for us to improve market access for our respective entrepreneurs, manufacturers and farmers and make services and human capital exchanges more efficient.

The war in Ukraine and the Covid-19 pandemic have both highlighted how integral international trade is to a stable global economy and how supply chains are interconnected. It's clear that trade ties and supply chains with our allies and friends must be strengthened – Italy is no exception.

We all witnessed how disruptions in the movement of goods can have a negative impact on economies worldwide which highlights the importance of working with our valued partners to find innovative solutions to compensate for some of those disruptions. There's no better time than the present to explore new winning



strategies to increase our exports to Italy, Europe and beyond.

Indeed, imports to Canada from Italy have grown in recent years while Canadian exports to Italy saw a slight regression in 2021. Prior to the pandemic, exports increased from \$2.3 billion in 2017 to \$3.7 billion in 2020 – a sure sign of a healthy bilateral trade partnership. Despite these encouraging trends, Canada has a trade deficit with Italy. We import much more Italian products and goods then we export

Foreign direct investments from Italy into Canada are also much higher at \$5.7 billion in 2021 compared to only \$1.6 billion of Canadian money going into the Italian economy. There is so much potential to improve these numbers and I think we should take advantage of the post-pandemic reality to reinvigorate the way we do business with Italy.

This month next year will also mark the 80th anniversary of Operation Husky, the successful military campaign led by the Allied forces during the Second World War that liberated the island of Sicily from the Axis powers. The 38-day campaign was an important one for Canada and remains a proud moment in the history of our military. In some ways, it set the stage for what would become, and still is, a strong, prosperous, and vibrant Canada-Italy relationship.

In fact, the International Forum on Peace, Security and Prosperity, for which I am privileged to serve as an honorary patron, hosts an annual conference in Sicily to commemorate this relationship and honour our shared histories. The Forum will be hosting an important Walk for Remembrance & Peace in July 2023 to pay tribute to Operation Husky.

There is obviously no shortage of reasons to celebrate Canada's longstanding and rewarding partnership with Italy this year, next year, and every year. There is no doubt in my mind that the strength of this bilateral relationship relies heavily on and thrives thanks to the engagement of Canada's rich Italian diaspora.





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# Mario Felice Ferri "A Man of Passion, Integrity and Action"

By Angelo Filoso

Mario Ferri came to Canada from Frosinone, Italy, like many Italian immigrants, through Pier21, Halifax in 1959. As a young immigrant, and his mother tongue being Italian, Mario endured many hard encounters with individuals who did not understand his language. During his early years in elementary school, in order to integrate into the community, Mario Ferri got involved in sports, playing soccer, judo, track and field and volleyball. As a sports enthusiast he felt protected from the bullies at his school. After high school, Mario enrolled in a Recreation Program at Centennial College and graduated in 1970 with a Recreation Leadership Diploma. His first job was that of a Recreation Supervisor serving underprivileged children, youth, seniors, and families. He undertook the job with great enthusiasm and enjoyment. This job confirmed to him that Canada was the country of opportunity. He later enrolled as a part time student at York University, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1978, majoring in Sociology. Mario then continued his education and received a Master's degree in Environmental Studies in 1983.

Having landed his first job and living in Toronto, Mario with his wife Vickie, decided to move to Maple, Vaughan in 1983, where they purchased their dream home next to a golf course, little did they know that the golf course was not a golf course...it was the Keele Valley Landfill Dump (the largest landfill in Canada with



30 million tons of garbage). A major decision had to be made by Mario and Vickie, do they leave their dream home? or stay and fight?. They chose to stay and fight! After a 16 year fight the dump closed in 2002. The closure certainly did not happen overnight. Mario Ferri

mobilized the community, and became the co-founder and leader of the activist community organization "Committee of Associations to restore Environmental Safety (Vaughan CARES). During his work with Vaughan CARES, he led numerous demonstrations, deputations and presentations all aimed at closing the dump.

His active role in Vaughan CARES, sparked community interest in having him become an elected official. He began as a school trustee in 1989, and he ensured that parents and students had a voice at the School Board. During his time as a school trustee, he supported the building of schools to serve the growing population of Vaughan. Vaughan became the fastest growing city in Canada during his time as a trustee. In his quest to ensure the building of a city of choice, Mario decided to run for Council 1997. He was elected in Ward 1 with 87% of the Popular Vote. He was re-elected in 2000, with 90% of the votes cast. As an advocate of Environmental Stewardship, Mario committed to eliminate landfills in York Region by establishing policies that would divert waste from landfills and maximize the three R's. To achieve this goal, Mario in 2003, ran as a Local and Regional Councillor. Not only was he elected as a Local and Regional Councillor, he also received the most votes among the Regional Councillors and became the Deputy Mayor.

Today, Mario Ferri, is seeking to continue his service to Vaughan residents, and has registered to run as Local and Regional Councillor. Mario Ferri wants the City of Vaughan to continue to evolve as the City of Choice, by creating a safe environment, offering opportunities for diversity and creating opportunities for employment.

Mario Ferri is committed to low property taxes, less traffic, less red tape, less wasteful spending and less inappropriate development. He is committed to more accountability and listening, road expansions, transit, efficiency and innovation, environmental stewardship, community safety, affordable housing, and seniors support. For details of Mario Ferri's election platform, visit www.marioferri.ca.

As a conclusion of the interview, Mario Felice Ferri, clearly articulated the need for a smooth and effective transition in leadership in Council. He is committed to working in harmony and collaboration with all Members of Council, the community, and business sector, to ensure the continued growth of Vaughan, as a city of choice. Mario Ferri will continue to serve the people of Vaughan with integrity, passion and action.







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# **Father Michael Corcione** Leaves St. Peter's Church in Woodbridge

by Josie Alonzi

Father Mike is leaving St. Peter and joining St. Anthony's Parish in New York, the first parish built by Italians during the 1800 s in North America. The parishioners of St. Anthony will greet him with open arms. He will be a great asset as he was for the parishioners of St. Peter.

Serving St. Peter's, his first parish, for over twenty years it is very hard for Father Mike to say goodbye to his family in Woodbridge. He has adopted all his parishioners as his family, and he will greatly miss them all. As he stated in his last sermon at St. Peter's he will never forget his family and he promises to return twice a year to visit his family in Woodbridge just as he did in the last twenty years visiting his immediate family in New York.

Father Michael Corcione is a very special person and mentor to my family. He will greatly be missed and always be in our heart. Father Mike's sermons and advice will forever be in our spirit living our everyday life and never forgotten. I am sure many Parishioners will visit him when in New York and he will certainly receive them at his Masses to hear his heartfelt sermons. Father Michael Corcione truly touched our soul and spirit giving us the strength and courage to continue to live our lives in Christianity. "Peace be with you" e "la pace sia con te"! "The Priest who touches the soul and Sprit of his Community"





# Inaugurated a playground in Barete-Italy, made also possible with a donation from the Abruzzese Federation of Hamilton – Canada

by Goffredo Palmerini

L'AQUILA - The playground for children created by the Municipality of Barete (L'Aquila) was inaugurated last Saturday, August 6th, thanks also to a donation received through ANFE from the Abruzzese Federation of Hamilton, Canada, as a gesture of solidarity towards the centers hit by the earthquakes of 2009 and 2016. Despite the heavy rainfall just before the scheduled time of the inaugural event, at 18:30 a large audience, including many children, was present at the ribbon cutting by Mayor Leonardo Gattuso, assisted by a group of young collaborators.

The Mayor was keen to recall how the idea of the playground was born, when Prof. Serafino Patrizio, president of ANFE L'Aquila, informed him that a donation of 20 thousand euros was available from the Abruzzese Federation of Hamilton, the city also called Steel City located 80 km from Toronto. The Municipality, which had a beautifully exposed area received from the Marimpietri family as part of an urban regeneration project, did not think twice about allocating that donation for the construction of a playground for children. And so, once the bureaucratic procedures were defined, the work was carried out by investing 57 thousand euros from the Municipality for construction works and using the donation for the purchase of games and play equipment for the Park, which is also includes the planting of essences recommended by the Forestry Carabinieri Forces, also in training for the very young visitors of the Park. During the

ceremony, a marble plaque was unveiled, which recalls the significant gesture of solidarity of the Abruzzese Federation of Hamilton.

Precisely in relation to the relationships of consolidated friendship and cultural collaboration, Prof. Serafino Patrizio asked Prof. Angelo Di Ianni, President of the Abruzzese Confederation in Canada and President of the Fundraising Committee for 2009-2016 earthquake victims, to promote a donation to ANFE L 'Aquila who would then have destined it for a useful work towards one of the centers hit by the earthquake, precisely Barete.

ANFE has been collaborating with Prof. Di Ianni for many years, organizing cultural and educational missions in Italy and Abruzzo for students and professors at the Schools of the Niagara District, of which Prof. Di Ianni himself was General Director. Di Ianni was also General Director of Education of Ontario, the most populous province in Canada, as well as a leading exponent of the Italian and Abruzzo community in that great country, which is 30 times the size of Italy. Informed about the imminent inauguration of the work, the Abruzzese Federation of Hamilton sent the following message to the regional president of ANFE, present at the event:

Dear President, we are delighted to have been informed of the upcoming ceremony scheduled for Saturday. We will do everything to inform the Abruzzo community of Hamilton of the realization of the project and our role in it - always present in our hearts - dear Serafino Patrizio. We will do everything possible to visit the "Playground for children" and the commemorative plaque during our next visit to Abruzzo and Barete. Ersilia Di Nardo President of the Abruzzese Federation of Hamilton District Angelo Di Ianni President of the fundraising committee for earthquake victims (Abruzzo Earthquake) President of the Confederation of Abruzzo - Canada

Following the Mayor's speech, the President of ANFE ABRUZZO followed to remember the life and works of Prof. Serafino Patrizio, who passed away two years ago,





distinguished mathematician former professor of the University of L'Aquila, an eclectic man of science, mayor of San Benedetto in Perillis his native town, public and political administrator, as well as emigration scholar and local and national ANFE exponent. A beautiful, extraordinary person, Prof. Patrizio, who remains in the hearts of many in L'Aquila. A person rich in true values, authenticity, abysmal remoteness from forms, as well as proximity and solidity in the principles of solidarity, attention to the least, and respect for human dignity. Respect anchored to popular roots and peasant origins, of which Serafino Patrizio has always been very proud. He was an unparalleled witness of the will, commitment and love for knowledge, lived with the exercise of the hard daily sacrifice, which can lead to goals of absolute importance. As it was for him, a man-made entirely by himself, generous and supportive for all 95 years of his life. The work carried out in Barete, and the solidarity gesture of the Abruzzesi of Hamilton arrived through ANFE, will forever preserve the memory of the generosity of the Italian communities in the world in the months following the tragic earthquake of April 6, 2009, and then of 2016, they gave testimony of affection and caring closeness to L'Aquila and the centers hit by the earthquake. These communities of ours abroad, and the volunteers who came to help from every corner of Italy, showed the face of the most beautiful Italy, that of solidarity and fraternity that unites all Italians. This work is significant above all because it recalls these important and lasting values. Goffredo Palmerini



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On Sunday, September 4th, Bridges of Love held a seniors afternoon High Tea event at Doctors McLean Park. Seniors took the opportunity to dress up in traditional high tea attire and were treated to homemade cookies and tea. Events like these allow seniors to socially connect with one another and help prevent social isolation. The event was attended by more than 100 seniors and community members in support of a great cause!

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