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Piccolo Italia Little Italy Construction Plan

The City is experiencing significant development within the urban area as directed by the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the City's Official Plan (OP) particularly in proximity to the City's existing and planned rapid transit system. Intensification, improvement of active transportation, and development of complete communities are all part of this trend and are contributing to a healthier city with enhanced livability and increased opportunities for current and future generations.

As part of the change that is occurring, the Preston-Carling District is emerging as one of the most significant re-urbanization areas in the City, transforming into a destination within a broader downtown context. The principles and directions for the Carling Avenue-Preston Street area acknowledge and embrace the significance of the change anticipated in the area while ensuring that the broad objectives of the Official Plan are met.

Two elements are critical to the transformation of the Preston-Carling District: a built form strategy that will define the area as the western gateway into the larger downtown area; and a comprehensive public realm strategy to ensure sufficient, generous, and high quality public spaces supporting the transformation of the District. The challenge will be to achieve the broader area wide improvements required

to establish a complete and dynamic urban place. This will require development interests to contribute to the funding and the implementation of the broader area wide works that have been identified as important elements needed to achieve a successful transformation of the area.

Built Form Strategy

The design of built form is critical to the success of the transformation of the Preston-Carling node. The built form strategy will orchestrate the design of various private projects by clarifying the placement, height, and general expected qualities of the development.

Character Areas

Station Area – Located adjacent to the LRT station along Carling and Champagne Avenues, this area will see the highest density and tallest buildings in the entire District and the City, with transition towards the surrounding stable residential neighbourhoods. Exceptional architectural design will be required for all buildings to ensure the highest streetscape quality and to create a unique skyline that represents the south western gateway to the downtown area. Integration with the LRT station will be encouraged for buildings immediately adjacent to the LRT station.

Opportunities for a nationally significant building will be explored on lands owned by the NCC.

Mainstreet Corridors – Preston Street will continue to evolve and thrive as the commercial spine of the Preston-Carling District. Stemming from Preston, Beech Street will be developed as a link between the residential neighbourhoods west of the O-train, the potential development at Booth Street Complex, and Preston Mainstreet. Both streets will be characterized by an eclectic collection of mid-rise buildings.

Rochester Corridor – As an entry route to both the Preston-Carling district and Booth Street Complex, Rochester Street will form an urban edge between the two distinctive areas. The buildings along the west side of the corridor, up to 18-storeys, will offer a transition between the Booth Street Complex and the neighbourhood around Preston Street.

Eastern Edge of O-train – Properties along the east side of the O-train, immediately adjacent to the City's Multi-function Pathway, have convenient access to the existing O-train station and two future LRT stations. Moderate residential development will be encouraged to capture opportunities for intensification and to animate the Multi-use Pathway without introducing abrupt changes to the neighbourhood fabric.

Mixed-use Residential Blocks – The vacant and/or underutilized properties east of the O-train corridor south of Young Street will be suitable for a mixed-use development and serve as a buffer between the Queensway and the neighbourhood. The surface parking area between Aberdeen and Beech Streets, west of Preston will offer a great opportunity for a mid-rise mixed-use project that could potentially accommodate a much needed major grocery store.

Mixed Use Neighbourhoods – The street blocks flanking Preston Street will continue to evolve and intensify organically. The City needs to encourage redevelopment in the form of infill to ensure the unique quality and characteristics that define the identity of the Preston-Carling District will not be lost in the wake of the major urban transformation.

Height

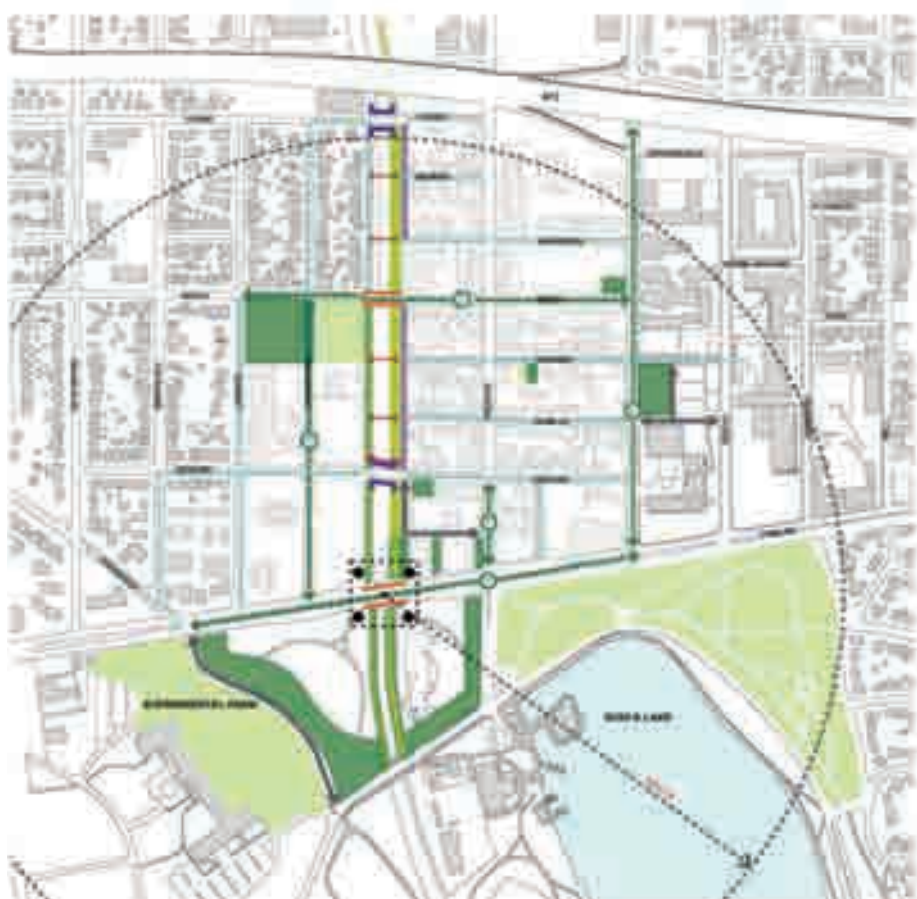
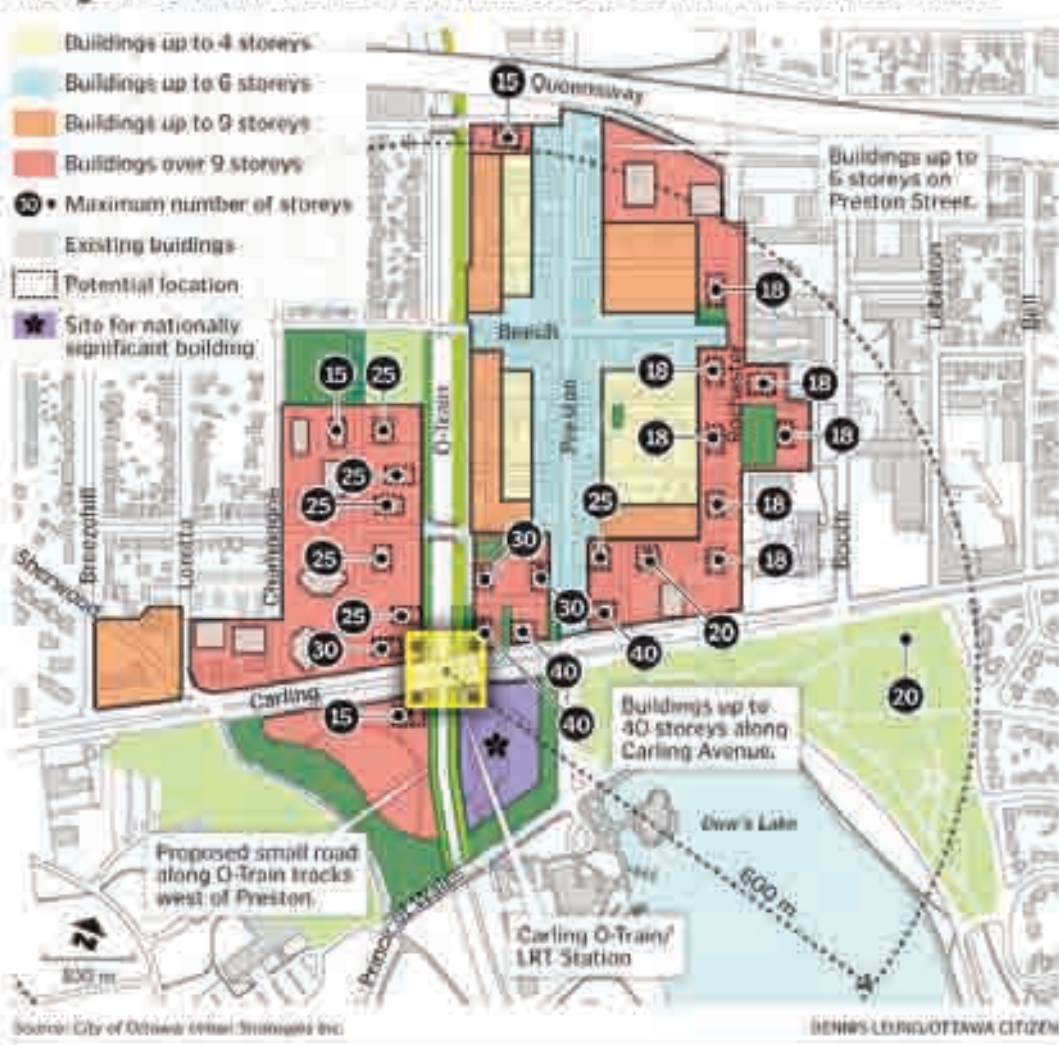
High profile mixed-use development up to a height in the order of 40-storeys will be permitted on blocks fronting Carling Avenue adjacent to the LRT station.

High profile predominately residential development up to a height of 25-storeys will be permitted along the west side of the O-train corridor up to Ev Tremblay Park. Low to medium profile mixed use development to a maximum height of six-storeys with continuous ground

floor commercial uses will be permitted along Preston Street. With the exception of properties along the north side of Adeline Street, low profile development to a maximum height of four-storeys will be permitted in areas flanking Preston Street, with areas east of Preston Street being a mixed use zone and areas west of Preston Street being predominantly residential. Medium profile mixed use development to a maximum height of nine-storeys will be permitted along the north side of Adeline Street to provide a transition between the high profile development south of Adeline Street and low profile neighbourhoods to the north. Medium profile predominately residential development up to a maximum height of nine-storeys will be permitted along the western ends of the street blocks between Preston Street and the O-train corridor subject to the introduction of an access mews from Adeline to Beech Streets parallel to the Multi-use Pathway with these developments incorporates low profile elements to provide transition towards and ensure a harmonized relationship with the existing low profile buildings within these blocks.

The towers of Little Italy

A plan for Preston Street prepared for the city tries to push development out to surrounding streets but residents say nine-storey buildings along the O-Train tracks and a road to serve them are still too close.



LOCAL

A New Year and with it, another stab at New Year's Resolutions

By Dosi Cotroneo

Like many of us, the beginning of a new year got me thinking. Thinking about 2012 and all of the things I said I was going to accomplish but didn't; thinking about 2012 and a few things that I accomplished that I hadn't even planned on; thinking about 2013 and all of the things I want to accomplish; and finally, thinking about 2013 and what if I don't accomplish any of the things I set out to? Oh dear. It sounds as though I'm spiraling into one of my "why bother even getting started if you're not going to finish anyway" routines. Most negative and I have vowed to myself that 2013 will be a year lived "sans (without) negative thinking".

On that note, I also decided to spare family and friends the burden of listening to yet another one of my long lists of New Year's resolutions. Yes this month, I will not publicly announce any grandiose plans of writing that Oscar-nominated screenplay, the one-woman show, or that best-selling novel. I will not utter a word about big plans to go to the gym four times a week, how I plan to finally divorce Nutella, start eating healthy, and how I hope to give blood, volunteer, and learn a new language, like Arabic or Greek. I think I finally got tired of giving lip service to plans that may very well not materialize, only to once again feel like a failure and foolish by the end of 2013.

A wise man once said, "every second holds the opportunity for a new beginning." Then why have I been waiting for every January to start fresh? Is it procrastination, a lack of self-discipline, a lack of motivation, a fear of failure, or even worse, a fear of success that is holding me back? Earlier this month, my father turned 85 years old. He claims he has never procrastinated a day in his life. Now I really feel like a

loser. As the offspring of Italian immigrant parents, how on earth did I become a scattered, master procrastinator, who possesses little to no time management skills, and don't even think of getting me started on the spending habits.

I once read that comparison is the thief of joy, and I couldn't agree more. That is, unless it involves my sisters. I can safely say that they too, are scattered, master procrastinators, who possess little to no time management skills and have horrible spending habits. Truth be told, I couldn't be happier with them. You can't imagine the horror I would feel if they were successful, wealthy, frugal, driven, motivational speaker-types. How could I possibly compare? My self-esteem would plummet, my parents would always be bragging about their accomplishments, and I would probably have to sign up for one of their sold-out motivational-speaker performances. How dreadful! How could I ever fill their size 11 shoes, when I am a petite, girlish figure type size 7?

I just know I didn't start off writing this column to discuss my siblings, my parents, and my long list of "never going to happen New Year's resolutions" or the size of my feet and my girlish figure. I only wish I could remember what the purpose of this column really was. What was the theme, the thrust, the purpose? Once again, dear readers, I have strayed from the subject at hand, and I can only hope that throughout these 500 and some odd words, well, probably closer to 600 now, you will find some helpful advice, a moral, a lesson, maybe even a smile. And on that note, I bid you farewell, but not without saying "Buon Anno", "Happy New Year" and may all of your 2013 wishes come true.



Cultivating the Italian ideal of La Dolce Far Niente

by Laura D'Amelio

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My January started off a little rough (everyone has the flu, things stopped working and now it's -27 degrees Celsius here with the windchill. ugh). So it wasn't the best month to start of something new, like a resolution. I think resolutions are too hard to keep and not keeping them is just an eventual disappointment. So this year, I have new years themes: what I want the year to be like based on my hopes and theories of what might make this year a bit more enjoyable than the last. One of these themes is to "go easy" on myself. I have a tendency to want to fill everyday, actually every minute, with something productive. Ask me to sit and watch TV, and I'll do it while making a list in my head of everything else I should be doing or what I'll be doing next.

It's tiring. And I'm tired of it. It's not that I want to do less either, I have a whole bunch of goals I want to reach, but I want to take time to enjoy reaching them and enjoy the time in between "doing stuff." Maybe it's the Canadian lifestyle in me and I have to admit what I've lost touch with in my Italian blood is "la dolce far niente", that Italian lifestyle of enjoying the idleness of life.

Dolce Far Niente literally means "sweet doing nothing" = "Delicious idleness." Sheer indulgent relaxation and blissful laziness, being deliciously idle.

If you've ever been to Italy you know just what I'm talking about: stroll along city squares, sitting in a café just because, enjoying the view because you can. And the best part about it is appreciating the fact that doing nothing isn't bad at all, it's part of life, probably a necessary part of life. I used to watch my grandfather enjoy it all the time (in his retirement at least), taking in the view of his garden from his patio chair as the day turned to evening.

Perhaps a scene from the movie "Eat, Pray, Love" explained the need for the idea the best:

"Americans. You work too hard. You get burnt out. Then you come home and spend the whole weekend in your pyjamas in front of the TV."

I'll take "Americans" here to mean North Americans – as my Italian cousins call us Americani anyway. And it's true. Taking an

hour-long coffee break just to enjoy conversation for the sake of conversation or

Dolce Far Niente painting by John William Godward



The Start of a New Year

By Priya Khosla

It's a new year, which means a fresh start! Each year, people come up with New Year resolutions, creating new and exciting goals they wish to achieve. This is also an imperative time to reflect on the ending of one year - to learn from our experiences, to take those important lessons that we learned and to implement them in the future. And although we may set many goals for ourselves throughout the year, the main factor to a New Year's resolution is that our goals are tied into the commencement of a new year – a fresh start.

We all have dreams and aspirations, but it's important not to lose sight of them. Some tips that might aid on achieving them include choosing goals that are easily attainable and ones that are realistic. Sometimes it's better to start off small. For example, a common New Year's resolution for many people is to get themselves into shape. So instead of simply telling yourself that you will lose weight, it's better to set a specific target. Setting a goal to lose 2 pounds a week for example is more realistic, and it will enable you to remain focused and motivated.

So remember, set goals that are attainable, remain disciplined throughout the year, and make sure to reward yourself. A friend of mine once said, believing that you're great and believing in your ability to work towards greatness are two different things. The former will make you arrogant; the latter will give you a name. Inspire and be inspired, motivate and be motivated. What will you do this year and how will you make the most of it? Challenge yourself to greater heights and make this year your best year yet!

BARZELLETTA DELLA SETTIMANA

a maestra sta chiedendo agli alunni quali sono le occupazioni dei genitori. La piccola Luisa fa: Mio padre è meccanico e mia madre sarta.

E' il turno di Bruno: Mio padre è chirurgo e mia madre psicologa.

Tocca poi a Pierino: Mia madre è casalinga e mio padre gestisce diverse case chiuse nella città! La maestra rimane sbigottita. Durante la ricreazione chiama la madre di Pierino a casa: Signora, suo figlio ha appena detto che suo marito gestisce dei bordelli in città! Le sembra normale? La verità, signora maestra, è che il padre è avvocato, ma non abbiamo mai avuto il coraggio di dirlo ad un bambino così piccolo...

LOCAL

ELEZIONI PER IL RINNOVO DEL PARLAMENTO ITALIANO 24-25 febbraio 2013 VOTO ALL'ESTERO PER CORRISPONDENZA

ISTRUZIONI PER GLI ELETTORI RESIDENTI ALL'ESTERO

Per cosa si vota ?

Si vota nella Circostrizione Estero per eleggere 12 membri della Camera dei Deputati e 6 del Senato della Repubblica.

- Nella Ripartizione Europa si vota per eleggere 5 deputati e 2 senatori.
- Nella Ripartizione America Meridionale si vota per eleggere 4 deputati e 2 senatori.
- Nella Ripartizione America Settentrionale e Centrale si vota per eleggere 2 deputati e 1 senatore.
- Nella Ripartizione Africa, Asia, Oceania e Antartide si vota per eleggere 1 deputato e 1 senatore.

Chi vota all'estero?

Votano all'estero per corrispondenza gli elettori iscritti all'AIRE nei Paesi con i quali il Governo italiano ha stipulato apposite intese.

Come si vota?

Si vota per corrispondenza, con le modalità indicate dalla Legge 27 dicembre 2001 n. 459 e dal Decreto del Presidente della Repubblica 2 aprile 2003 n. 104. In particolare:

- a) gli Uffici consolari inviano per posta a ciascun elettore un plico contenente:
 - il certificato elettorale (cioè il documento che certifica il diritto di voto);
 - le liste dei candidati della propria ripartizione (Camera e Senato)
 - le schede elettorali (una per la Camera e una per il Senato);
 - una busta piccola completamente bianca;
 - una busta affrancata recante l'indirizzo del competente Ufficio consolare;
 - Il presente foglio informativo.
- b) l'elettore che non ha compiuto il 25° anno di età alla data del 24 febbraio 2013 riceve solo la scheda e la lista per la Camera dei Deputati;
- c) l'elettore esprime il proprio voto tracciando un segno (ad es. una croce o una barra) sul contrassegno corrispondente alla lista da lui prescelta o comunque sul rettangolo della scheda che lo contiene utilizzando ESCLUSIVAMENTE una penna biro di colore nero o blu;
- d) ciascun elettore può esprimere il voto di preferenza scrivendo il cognome del candidato nell'apposita riga posta accanto al contrassegno votato. La legge prescrive che il numero di preferenze vari a seconda della ripartizione (massimo due preferenze nelle ripartizioni a cui sono assegnati due o più deputati o senatori e massimo una preferenza nelle altre). Ciascun elettore può esprimere tante preferenze quante sono le righe poste accanto a ciascun simbolo;
- e) la scheda o le schede vanno inserite nella busta completamente bianca che deve essere accuratamente chiusa e contenere solo ed esclusivamente le schede elettorali;
- f) nella busta più grande già affrancata (riportante l'indirizzo dell'Ufficio consolare competente) l'elettore inserisce il tagliando del certificato elettorale (dopo averlo staccato dal certificato seguendo l'apposita linea tratteggiata) e la busta piccola chiusa contenente le schede votate;
- g) la busta già affrancata così confezionata deve essere spedita per posta, in modo che arrivi all'Ufficio consolare entro - e non oltre - le ore 16 (ora locale) del 21 febbraio;
- h) le schede pervenute successivamente al suddetto termine non potranno essere scrutinate e saranno incenerite.

ATTENZIONE

-SULLE SCHEDE, SULLA BUSTA BIANCA PICCOLA E SUL TAGLIANDO NON DEVE APPARIRE ALCUN SEGNO DI RICONOSCIMENTO.

-SULLA BUSTA GIÀ AFFRANCATA NON DEVE ESSERE SCRITTO IL MITTENTE.

-LA BUSTA BIANCA PICCOLA E LE SCHEDE DEVONO ESSERE INTEGRE.

Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri

Roma, 12 gennaio 2013

Cari connazionali,

ci avviciniamo alle votazioni per l'elezione della Camera dei Deputati e del Senato della Repubblica. Il voto è un diritto costituzionale garantito dalla legge ai cittadini italiani residenti in Italia e all'estero. Il suo esercizio da parte di ognuno di voi è anche un dovere civico essenziale per la vitalità della democrazia del nostro Paese e utile a mantenere vivo e saldo il vostro rapporto con la madrepatria.

La vostra identità, il vostro attaccamento all'Italia, che già si manifestano in varie forme e attività, trovano l'espressione più alta nella partecipazione elettorale per il rinnovo del Parlamento italiano.Cogliere questa occasione è il modo migliore per far sentire adeguatamente la vostra voce e arricchire il dibattito pubblico e il pluralismo. Il voto di ognuno di voi concorrerà così al progresso dell'Italia. I 12 deputati e 6 senatori eletti all'estero, nel rispetto delle prerogative costituzionali, contribuiscono a tutelare i vostri interessi e a rappresentare autorevolmente, presso le autorità di Governo e le varie istanze nazionali, le cause che più vi stanno a cuore. I Parlamentari eletti all'estero contribuiscono inoltre a rafforzare la proiezione globale dell'Italia, favorendo i rapporti di amicizia e gli scambi economici e culturali con i Paesi di vostra residenza.

Il Ministero degli Esteri, con i suoi uffici a Roma e all'estero, è impegnato perché possiate esercitare il diritto di voto. Avverto in modo speciale tale responsabilità. Ho dato istruzioni alla nostra rete diplomatico-consolare di dare la più ampia e completa informazione sulle procedure elettorali. C'è una data che vorrei sottolineare sin d'ora: le buste preaffrancate contenenti le buste anonime con le schede votate dovranno pervenire agli Uffici consolari entro le ore 16,00 del 21 febbraio 2013. Per ogni richiesta di chiarimento, non esitate a contattare gli uffici consolari o a consultare il sito www.esteri.it.

Con i miei più cari saluti,


GIULIO TERZI

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ITALIAN NEWS

Un Bicchiere di Vino con Il Postino.... Dessert Wine

Domenico Cellucci

Dear readers, another year has quickly passed by. I wish each and every one of you a healthy and prosperous New Year. One of the themes, I have touched upon in the last year is the renaissance which is taking place in winemaking in the south of Italy. These southern regions are undergoing a viticultural rebirth by doing an excellent job of promoting their native grape varieties. In this month's column, I am continuing this theme by visiting the spectacular region of Basilicata.

Basilicata borders on Campania to the west, Puglia to the north and east, and Calabria to the south. It is not landlocked having a small shoreline on the Tyrrhenian Sea between Campania and Calabria and a longer shoreline to the southeast on the Gulf of Taranto on the Ionian Sea between Calabria and Puglia. The region is home to an extinct volcano by the name of Mount Vulture. Its last eruption took place over 40 000 years ago. This area with its volcanic soils plays a leading role in the region's viticulture. It is one of Italy's most mountainous regions with over 47% of the region covered by mountains. The area's interior is cooler therefore having a continental climate while the coastlines are more moderate have mostly a Mediterranean climate.

As with many areas of Italy, the Greeks brought vinification techniques and grape varieties to Basilicata. In ancient times, the area was called Lucania from the word lucus meaning forest in Latin. In fact, the area before the arrival of the Romans was covered by forests. When the Romans arrived in the 3rd century B.C., forest were cleared to provide materials for construction. Along with forests, vineyards were a casualty. However, a grape planted on the slopes of Mount Vulture survived. The name of this grape is Aglianico del Vulture. The origins of this grape are still hotly debated. The leading theory has that the Greeks planted the grape on the slopes of Mount Vulture since the word Aglianico is derived from the Greek word for the grape: ellenico. Some others theorize that the grape was brought by the Aragones during Spanish rule in the middle ages. Others historians feel that the grape is native to Italy and that the Greeks were the first to realize its potential. Regardless, Aglianico today is Basilicata's principal wine. Grown in the northern part of the region around Mount Vulture, Aglianico gained DOC status in 1971 and DOCG status in 2011. It is Basilicata's only DOCG wine. Aglianico is also located in Campania. Both regions claim to be the grape's homeland.

Mount Vulture provides high altitudes for the production of Aglianico. Typically, most vineyards are situated between 450-600 meters above sea level on the eastern lower slopes. Some of the best Aglianico wine is made around the towns



of Rionero, Barile and Melfi that surround these slopes. The high altitudes typically will lead to a late ripening grape. Harvest usually takes place in late October/early November. In viticulture, wines produced at these higher altitudes produce wines of great complexity. Daytime temperatures in the summer provide the wine with concentrated flavours. Allowing the vines to cool down at night, allows the grape

to retain acidity. Throw in the volcanic soils with their high levels of potassium and you can see why Aglianico is such a special wine. Visually, it has a dark ruby red colour. It is typically full bodied with high levels of tannins. These 2 traits have lead wine aficionados to call this wine the Barolo of the south. It has excellent aging potential. These wines can be kept for 10-20 years easily. Aging takes place in large chestnut casks. However many producers are making Aglianico in a modern style using French barriques. Aglianico that has been aged at least 3 years prior to release is called vecchio. While those that have been aged for at least 5 years are called riserva. Both types of aging include 2 years in wood. The wine is extremely rich and principal aromatic notes are chocolate and cherry in its youth along with plums and some dried fruit. Because of the high tannins, it is recommended to let this wine age for at least 5-10 years. With aging, the wine becomes more complex and flavour profiles turn towards earth, spice and tobacco. With its higher levels of acidity it is definitely a food wine. It is not a summer sipper of wine! Decant the wine for at least

an hour before serving it. Pasta dishes in Basilicata such as lasagna and beans work well with younger versions of Aglianico. Save your older bottles of Aglianico for spezzatino di agnello, a specialty in Basilicata.

Historically, the two largest and best known producers have been Paternoster and D'Angelo, in existence since the 1920's. Other principal producers making inroads today are Elena Fucci and Cantine del Notaio. The wines of D'Angelo are affordable and are available at the LCBO. While in Quebec, the wines of Cantine del Notaio are available in limited quantities. Besides these 2 producers, the presence of Aglianico del Vulture is limited in the Ottawa-Hull area. If you come across them, I highly recommend you pick some up to enjoy today and tomorrow...

Grazie e salute!

If you have any questions or suggestions for future columns, please contact me at vinumbonumest@yahoo.com.

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LOCAL

A Story of Kindness, Angels and Being a Mattioli.

by Tanya (Mattioli) O'Brien



Tanya O'Brien is a gifted educator. She inspires students to want to learn, parents to collaborate, and she encourages herself and her peers to try new things — to be better teachers tomorrow than they were today.

Tanya knows that students learn differently and she looks for clues to see when a student has become discouraged. Recently she took a student struggling with addition to visit the grocery store. This stressed student was able to practice addition in a positive and motivating environment and achieved success. The student now thinks math is cool.

Tanya lives by the 'I caught you being good' motto and in doing so motivates students to be the best that they can be. She is quick to call or e-mail parents to report student successes. So a call from their teacher no longer means bad news for the child, in fact it can be a shining moment. Tanya is an educator who loves her job and it shows.

Sometimes life can be difficult and the worries of your friends, family and the world can be too much for anybody to make sense of on their own. A few weeks ago, I found myself overwhelmed at the amount of trouble that seemed to be coming my way and my inability to fix the things that needed to be fixed. In the middle of that, the shooting in Connecticut was the last in a long line of things that made no sense to me. As a teacher, I could not imagine a worse thing to happen.

Unable to stop the sadness for a million other reasons, watching CNN coverage made things worse; wondering where God was in the middle of the mess. I could not turn it off; feeling the need to keep looking.

Suddenly, the name James Mattioli, 6 came across the screen.

Our name is so uncommon, that I could hardly believe my eyes and felt sick at the thought of it. I found out from my father that some of the Mattioli's had moved to Connecticut when our relatives left Pretoro after the war.

It isn't a common name, and I couldn't help but wonder if James was part of our family somewhere way back the line. I kept thinking that even if he wasn't, he could just as easily have been any one of our little guys in our family and wondered what we do if anything happened to them.

I went back to work that week as sad as ever and received more bad news. I sat at my desk and began to cry about something and was so upset I asked God, out

teacher but the extra bunch was there and my principal gave them to me.

I opened the card and amazingly, this is what was said: This act of kindness is in loving memory of James Mattioli, whose life was cut short on December 14, 2012.

Now, do your act of kindness and pass this card on to remember him.

So you can say it was some strange coincidence that she showed up with the flowers, or that I'd get the card with James' name on it. I checked every envelope in the school and each person got a different name

Nobody knew how much James' name had bothered me besides my sister, and she had not done it. Sometimes over thinking things with reason is what sends us down a black path so we can't see light that is right in front of us

I am convinced that God is present when He seems most absent and stays with you in the darkest places. I also think that angels come in all shapes and sizes, and one came to see me that day to let me know I shouldn't worry.

God is watching everything and is with you right in the middle of your problem and knows the way out. You just have to trust Him.

SO FOR JAMES MATTIOLI...I challenged every Mattioli (and our friends) to go do something kind for somebody else. In our acts of kindness we are actually showing others God's compassion and love. Many of the Mattioli's have started to pay it forward. Our hope is that everybody does the same. I am honoured to hear that the FILO has chose Italian women in Education as their theme this year. I feel both proud of being Italian and a teacher, congratulations FILO.

loud, to please just get me through the next class I had to teach and he could help me.

An hour later my principal came to get me and she said something strange had happened and she handed me a bouquet of flowers and a pink card. She said a lady they had never seen before drove up and asked how many primary teachers taught at our school. She told her a number and she came back with

flowers and cards, all in plain pink un marked envelopes, and drove away telling the principal to give them to the primary teachers. The woman had brought too many-and there was an extra bunch.I am not a primary

The Unrefined Olive

Ottawa's First Olive Oil and Balsamic Tasting Bar

by Angela Ierullo

The Unrefined Olive, Ottawa's First Olive Oil and Balsamic Tasting Bar, opened its doors on November 15th, 2012. The concept of this store is to come in and sample from over fifty premium fresh extra virgin olive oils from around the world and aged balsamic vinegar's from Modena, Italy.

All of the stores products are kept in beautiful stainless steel fustis from Italy and this keeps the light and oxygen away from the olive oil and vinegar. Customers



are assisted in tasting by knowledgeable staff who are happy to help with suggestions for cooking, bread dipping, vinaigrettes and other uses.

The balsamic vinegars have all been aged minimum twelve years and there is a delicious eighteen year old balsamic as well. There are many flavours to choose from including dark espresso, fig, and Sicilian lemon white balsamic.

Olive oils are sourced from the Northern and Southern Hemisphere in order to ensure premium freshness in the supply of olive oil from two different seasons. In February the new European olive oils will arrive and of course this will include ones from Italy!

The crush dates are provided along with descriptions and tasting notes for the olive oils. There are also descriptions and food ideas for the balsamic vinegars. The olive oil and balsamic are bottled directly from the fustis so you know that you are taking home exactly what you tasted.

The Unrefined Olive also carries specialty oils like Porcini Mushroom Olive Oil and Black Truffle Olive Oil.

Elizabeth Kilvert owns the store, and it is her first venture into business after a ten-year career with the Federal Government. The store is located at 151A Second Avenue in Ottawa's Glebe district and they would welcome a visit from you!

The Ottawa Women's FILO is pleased to announce that this year, we have partnered with Elizabeth, from the Unrefined Olive oil store. They will be providing tastings of both their balsamic vinegars and olive oil. Please join us in celebrating our Italian women and having some fun in tasting these wonderful products.

Centro Abruzzese Canadese Inc.

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March 3, 2013 Mass for St. Gabriele followed by a reception and lunch at Casa Abruzzi 705 Gladstone

July Summer Picnic final details to follow

September 28, 2013 St. Gabriele Dinner Dance celebrating 40 years of Centro Abruzzese Canadaes Inc. Villa Marconi with mass and precession

General Note that the Italian community is always welcome at the Casa Abruzzo 705 Gladstone with special lunch available on request traditional Italian specialties cooked to order.

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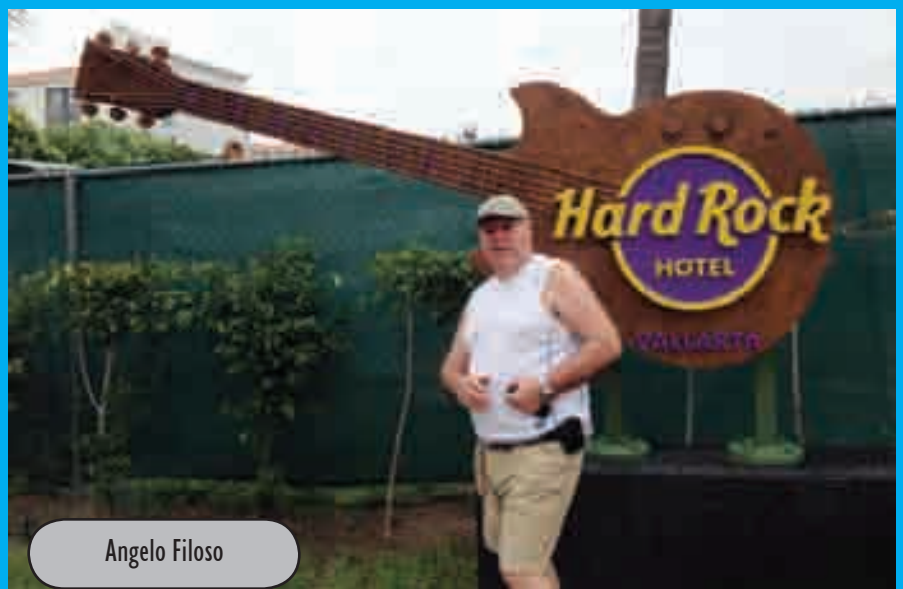
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Il Postino Goes to Mexico!



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Silvano, Anna, Angelo, Elvira and Rina



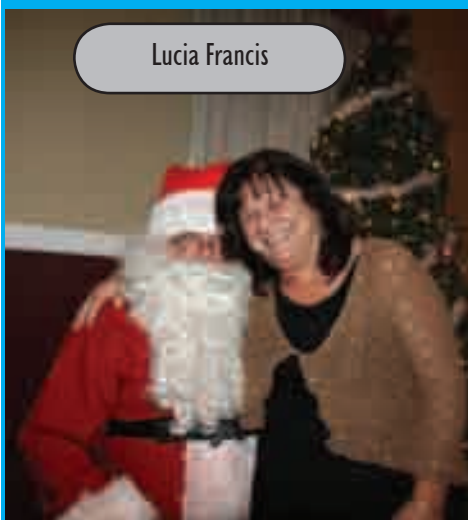
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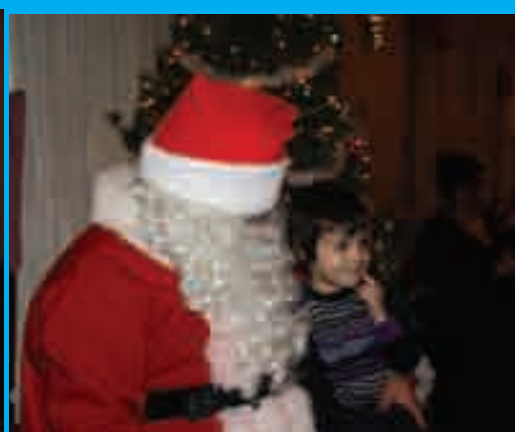
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St. Rita's Teachers and Guests



Gerardo and Mr and Mrs Colasante

LOCAL OTTAWA HISTORY

An Open Letter to the Italian-Canadian Community of Ottawa 2005 "The Rationale for the Sale of the Vacant Land"

Dear Community,

The Board of Directors wishes to take this opportunity to share with you further details on recent events involving Villa Marconi, and most notably the sale of the vacant land. Before beginning, however, we would like to emphasize how importantly the Board takes its role as trustees for the residents, the community and the members of the organization. We recognize that Villa Marconi is a landmark for the Italian-Canadian community of Ottawa. We recognize that it is the result of years of hard work, dedication and sacrifice. We are very proud to be associated with Villa Marconi and we are doing everything possible to ensure its long-term success.

Every organization experiences bumps, roadblocks, and difficult times during its history. Villa Marconi is no different. As you are aware, its financial position is fragile. In fact, since Villa Marconi opened its doors in 1999, it has not yet operated at a point where revenues meet expenses. The current shortfall is approximately \$30,000 per month. The long-term care operations are highly regulated by the Ontario Ministry of Health, which means there are few opportunities to increase revenues or cut spending. When construction was initiated several years ago, consultants recommended that a 125-bed facility would generate cash positive returns. However, this has not yet occurred. Presently, only long-term care facilities with 160 beds or more are breaking even.

The total cost to buy the former Holy Cross convent and construct our 125-bed facility was \$20 million. Our facility carries a mortgage of approximately \$12.3 million, payable until 2034. Our facility also holds promissory notes payable of \$1.7 million (secured by the vacant land). The majority of the notes have a term ending in February 2006, however \$200,000 of these notes are due in June 2005. All promissory notes can be withdrawn on demand. On an annual basis, Villa Marconi pays \$1 million in interest and debt costs, of which approximately \$100,000 pertains to the promissory notes. As you can appreciate, these are sizeable commitments for any organization, let alone a not-for-profit community organization like ours.

In the fall of 2004, Villa Marconi found itself in serious financial difficulty. Experts were brought in to assist with the situation and every possible option was considered. Fortunately, Villa Marconi was able to secure several loans to overcome this challenging juncture, but this financing was temporary in nature. We continued with

our efforts to find a longer-term solution. In November and December 2004 we made an appeal for assistance to the community and explained the possible alternatives for the vacant land. The appeal was well received, but the financial support we required was much more substantial.

Since August 2004, the current Board had been evaluating alternatives for the vacant land with the intention of generating a positive return for Villa Marconi. Our preferred intention was to develop the land and/or enter

into a joint venture with a third party developer. However, it was determined that it would take at least 12 to 18 months to begin construction and that significant financial resources and time would be required – resources and time that Villa Marconi simply did not have.

In late January, Villa Marconi received an unsolicited offer to purchase the land for \$2 million, with a limited acceptance period. It was at this time that the Board

immediately decided to notify the community. Without delay, advertisements were placed in the local newspapers to inform the community and to encourage further interest and offers. We received 6 additional offers, varying in price from \$1.1-\$1.5



Builders of Villa Marconi Mario Gianetti, Lucio Appoloni, Angelo Filoso, Walter Cibischino, Luigi Mion, Ross Talarico and George Flumian

million. The short deadline was dictated both by the offer in hand and by the immediate financial needs of the organization. The short deadline was not intended to limit the involvement of the community.

The posting of the notices generated many questions from the community. We accepted an invitation from the National Congress of Italian Canadians to attend a public meeting on the matter and to hear the concerns of the public. Several days later, in an effort to continue to be transparent, we invited various community representatives to Villa Marconi to further explain our financial situation. This joint group collaborated to evaluate possible alternatives. The Board genuinely and seriously took the views and opinions of the community to heart and we greatly appreciated your concerns.

After much deliberation, the Board decided to proceed and sell the vacant land to a local home builder. We believe the market conditions to be right and the sale price to be exceptional based on the current assessed value of the land and its original cost. (The original purchase price for this parcel of land was less than \$1 million.) When the transaction closes, the identity of the purchaser will be disclosed. We will continue to be transparent and we will share all information with you at the appropriate time. We agree that you have a right to know.

This transaction will achieve an optimum result for Villa Marconi and its residents. The sale of the land will allow the organization to extinguish its secondary financing and will also save the organization approximately \$100,000 in annual interest costs. The sale of the land will also provide Villa Marconi with much needed cash flow and will permit additional time to carry out organizational improvements and work towards a break-even point.

The sale of the vacant land is by no means the final solution. The next 12-months are critical. If this transaction is delayed for whatever reason, Villa Marconi, its residents and our community stand to lose significantly. We continue to need the community's financial and moral support. Particularly now, we ask you to work with us to support Villa Marconi, its residents and the community it serves.

In carrying out our role as Board members, we have been honest and forthright, and have acted with integrity and diligence. We know the right decision has been made for the organization and its residents. We are committed to ensuring that Villa Marconi achieves the distinction of being a leading provider of long-term care in the Ottawa region. By working together and with further dedication, sacrifice and community support, we are confident our goals can be achieved.

In conclusion, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who, over the last several weeks, has voiced a concern or raised questions during the past several weeks as well as everyone who has attended meetings to provide their input. Your participation was invaluable and we were moved by your compassion for Villa Marconi. Thank-you to those who continue to pledge their commitment to Villa Marconi. It is encouraging to see such strong support. In the end, if we continue to be united and faithful, the possibilities for Villa Marconi will be endless.

Respectfully yours,

The Board of Directors of Villa Marconi
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Nursing Home Being Built

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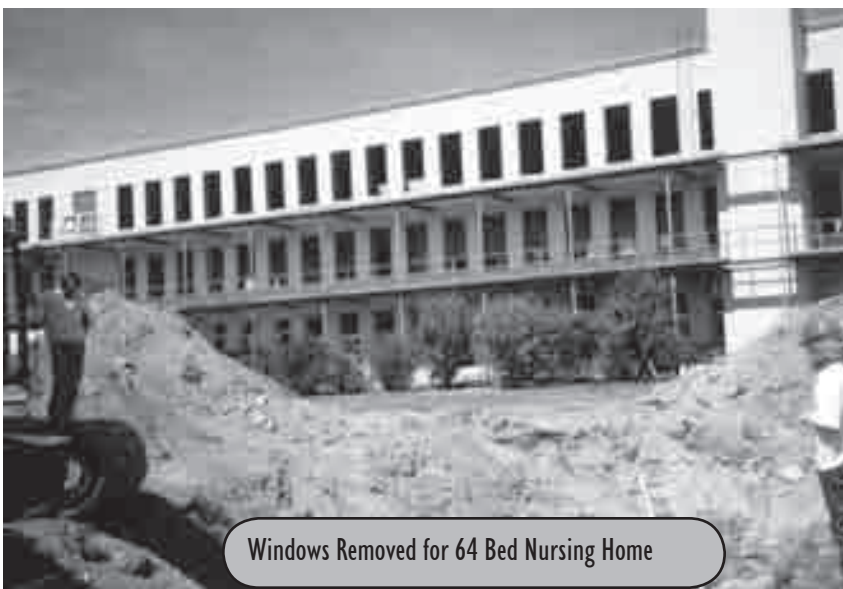
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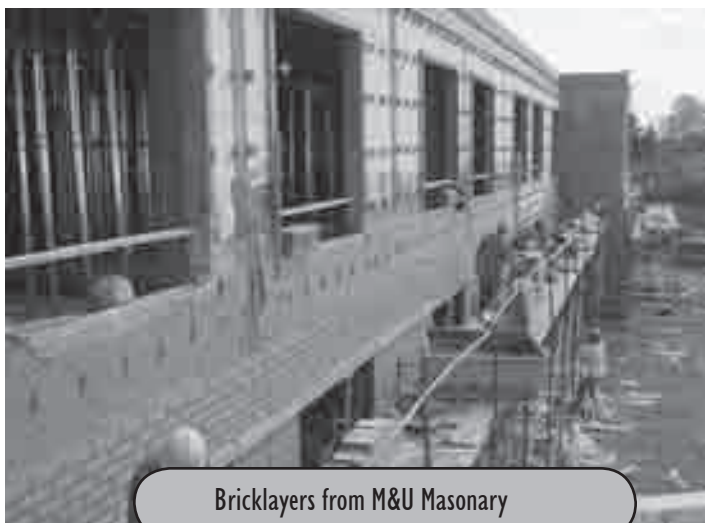
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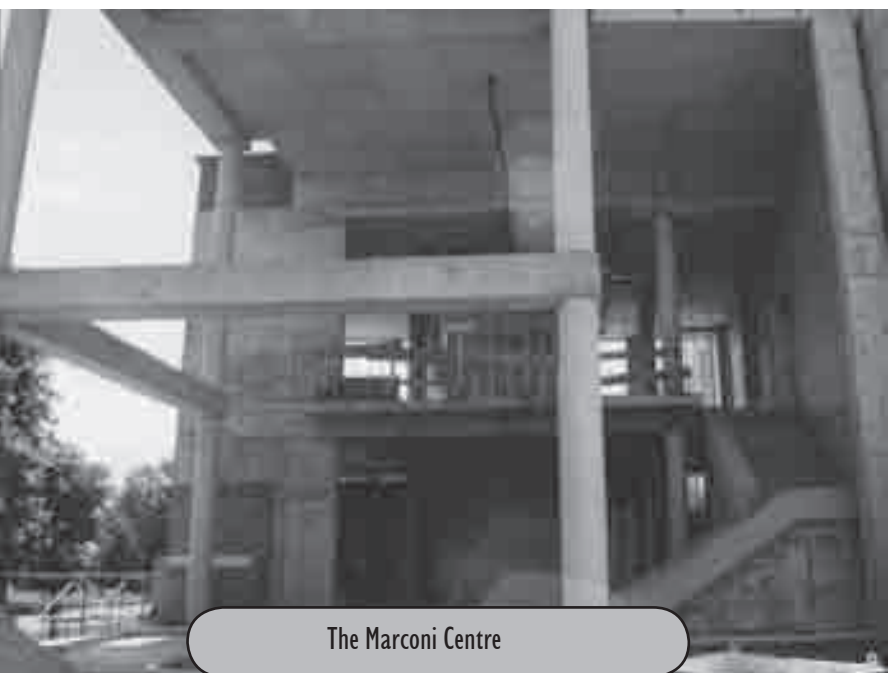
New Wing



Windows Removed for 64 Bed Nursing Home



Bricklayers from M&U Masonary



The Marconi Centre



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Long Term Care Centre

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Storia Locale di Ottawa

Lettera per la Comunità Italo-Canadese di Ottawa 2005

Cari membri della comunità,

Il Consiglio d'Amministrazione desidera aggiornarvi sui recenti avvenimenti concernenti Villa Marconi e, in particolar modo, sulla vendita del terreno vacante. Prima di iniziare, tuttavia, vorremmo precisare che, come Direttori, attribuiamo molta importanza al ruolo che svolgiamo quali amministratori fiduciari per conto dei nostri residenti, della comunità, e dei soci di questa organizzazione. Riconosciamo che Villa Marconi è uno dei punti di riferimento per la comunità Italo-Canadese di Ottawa. Sappiamo che è il risultato di anni di duro lavoro, dedizione e sacrifici. Siamo fieri di essere associati con Villa Marconi e stiamo facendo tutto il possibile per poterle assicurare un successo di lunga durata.

Ogni organizzazione incontra ostacoli e periodi difficili durante la propria vita. Villa Marconi non è diversa dalle altre organizzazioni. Come saprete, la sua situazione finanziaria è fragile. Infatti, da quando Villa Marconi ha aperto i battenti nel 1999 non ha ancora operato con un bilancio in cui le spese corrispondano alle entrate per cui viene a trovarsi ogni mese a corto di circa 30,000 mila dollari. La gestione della casa di cura è rigorosamente regolata dal Ministero della Sanità, per cui si presentano poche opportunità per ridurre i costi o aumentare le entrate. Quando la costruzione ha avuto inizio parecchi anni fa, alcuni consulenti avevano raccomandato

che 125 posti letto avrebbero generato un certo margine di profitto, che, comunque, non si è ancora verificato. Attualmente, soltanto le case di cura che gestiscono 160 posti letto o più riescono a chiudere il bilancio in pareggio.

Il costo totale per acquistare il convento Holy Cross e costruire i 125 posti letto è stato di 20 milioni di dollari. La nostra casa di cura ha un mutuo di circa 12.3 milioni di dollari, pagabile fino al 2034. Ha inoltre contratto debiti nella forma di "pagherò cambiari" per 1.7 milioni di dollari (garantiti dal terreno vacante) con creditori privati. La maggior parte di

queste cambiali sono ripagabili a febbraio 2006, eccetto per 200,000 mila dollari la cui scadenza è a giugno 2005. C'è inoltre da considerare che i creditori possono richiedere di essere ripagati in qualsiasi momento. Nell'arco di un anno Villa Marconi paga interessi e costo del debito per 1 milione di dollari, 100,000 mila dei quali ai creditori privati. Queste somme sono notevoli per qualunque organizzazione, e ancor più per una organizzazione a scopo non di lucro come la nostra.

Nell'autunno del 2004, Villa Marconi si è trovata in serie difficoltà finanziarie. Sono stati consultati parecchi esperti per assisterci con la situazione e ogni possibile opzione è stata presa in considerazione. Fortunatamente, Villa Marconi è stata capace di assicurarsi ulteriori prestiti per superare quella difficoltosa congiuntura economica, ma tali aiuti finanziari erano solo di natura temporanea. Noi abbiamo continuato ad impegnarci per trovare soluzioni a lungo termine. A novembre e a dicembre 2004 abbiamo lanciato un appello chiedendo l'appoggio della comunità, spiegando loro anche le possibili alternative di utilizzo del terreno vacante. La comunità ha risposto positivamente al nostro appello, ma il supporto finanziario di cui avevamo bisogno era di gran lunga maggiore.

Dall'agosto 2004, l'attuale Consiglio d'Amministrazione ha valutato diverse alternative per il terreno non occupato, con l'intenzione di generare entrate per Villa Marconi. Avremmo preferito sviluppare o edificare noi stessi su questo terreno, oppure farlo in società con terzi. Tuttavia ci sarebbero voluti almeno dai 12 ai 18 mesi prima di poter iniziare a costruire, e sarebbero state necessarie considerevoli risorse finanziarie e tempo che Villa Marconi semplicemente non aveva.

Verso la fine di gennaio Villa Marconi ha ricevuto un'offerta a breve termine non sollecitata di 2 milioni di dollari per l'acquisto del terreno vacante. È stato a questo punto che il Consiglio d'Amministrazione ha deciso di notificare immediatamente la comunità. Senza indugio, sono stati pubblicati annunci presso i giornali locali per

informare la comunità e per incoraggiare ulteriori offerte interessate all'acquisto. Abbiamo ricevuto altre sei offerte le cui cifre variavano tra 1.1 e 1.5 milioni di dollari. Il termine breve stabilito per la presentazione delle offerte era imposto sia dall'offerta che avevamo ricevuto, sia dagli immediati bisogni finanziari della nostra organizzazione. Non era certo inteso a limitare la partecipazione della comunità.

La pubblicazione dell'annuncio ha suscitato molte domande da parte della comunità. Abbiamo accettato l'invito da parte del Congresso Nazionale degli Italo-Canadesi a prendere parte ad un incontro pubblico per ascoltare le preoccupazioni della comunità. Nei giorni successivi all'incontro, abbiamo invitato a Villa Marconi vari esponenti della comunità per meglio presentare loro la nostra situazione finanziaria. Questo gruppo ha collaborato insieme per valutare possibili alternative. Noi del Consiglio d'Amministrazione abbiamo sinceramente apprezzato e seriamente preso in considerazione i punti di vista e le opinioni espresse dai membri della comunità.

Dopo aver ponderato a lungo la situazione, abbiamo deciso di procedere alla vendita del terreno vacante ad un costruttore edile locale. Crediamo che le condizioni di mercato siano quelle giuste e che il prezzo di vendita sia un prezzo eccezionale se si considera l'attuale stima del valore del terreno e il suo costo originale. (Il costo

originale di questo terreno ammonta a meno di 1 milione di dollari). A conclusione del contratto di vendita sarà annunciato il nome del compratore. Ci impegniamo ad essere trasparenti nei vostri riguardi e ad informarvi di tutto, ma a tempo dovuto. Riconosciamo che avete il diritto di essere informati.

Questa operazione ci permetterà di ottenere risultati ottimali per Villa Marconi e i suoi residenti. La vendita del terreno permetterà all'organizzazione di ripagare i creditori privati facendoci così risparmiare circa 100,000 mila dollari in interessi annuali. La vendita del terreno, inoltre, porterà a Villa Marconi un aumento di liquidità e ci permetterà di apportare miglioramenti nella gestione al fine di

ottenere un bilancio in pareggio.

La vendita del terreno, non si deve affatto considerare la soluzione finale. I prossimi 12 mesi saranno cruciali. Se questo affare venisse ritardato per qualsiasi motivo, creerebbe una situazione di grave perdita per Villa Marconi, i suoi residenti e la nostra comunità. Continuiamo ad avere bisogno del vostro appoggio morale e finanziario. Ora più che mai, vi chiediamo di collaborare con noi per sostenere Villa Marconi, i suoi residenti e la comunità che serviamo.

Come Direttori di Villa Marconi, abbiamo svolto il nostro compito onestamente ed esplicitamente, e abbiamo agito con diligenza ed integrità. Sappiamo di aver preso la decisione giusta per l'organizzazione e per i suoi residenti. Siamo impegnati più che mai a far sì che Villa Marconi si distingua come una delle migliori case di cura di Ottawa e dintorni. Crediamo che i nostri obiettivi potranno essere raggiunti solo lavorando assieme, con ulteriore dedizione, sacrificio e appoggio comunitario.

In conclusione, vorremmo ringraziare tutti coloro che, nelle passate settimane hanno espresso i loro timori, ci hanno posto domande e preso parte ai nostri incontri offrendo i loro commenti. La vostra partecipazione è stata per noi molto preziosa

osa e ci ha comosso il vostro attaccamento a Villa Marconi. Un grazie va a tutte le persone che continuano a promettere il loro sostegno per Villa Marconi. È davvero incoraggiante vedere il vostro forte impegno. Alla fine, se continuiamo ad essere uniti e fiduciosi, le possibilità per Villa Marconi saranno illimitate.

Distinti saluti,

Il Consiglio d'Amministrazione di Villa Marconi

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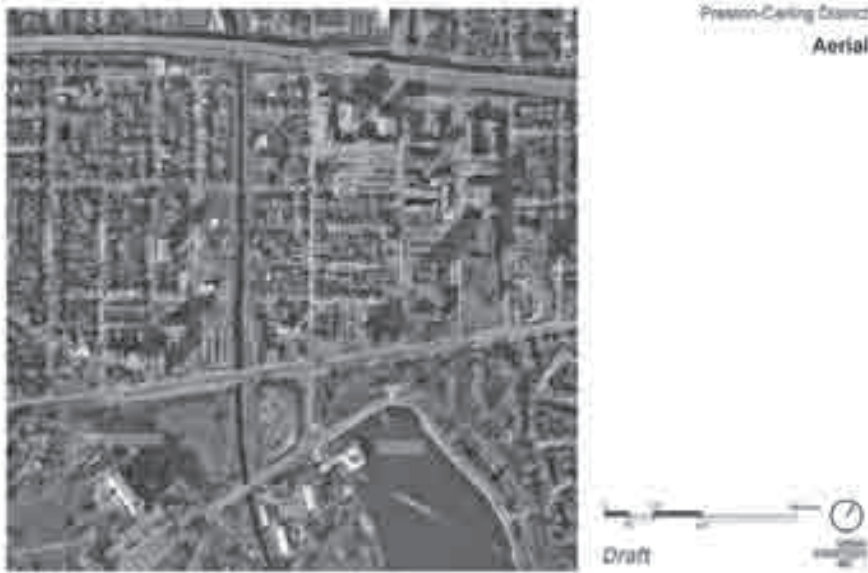
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transition towards and ensure a harmonized relationship with the existing low profile buildings within these blocks. High profile mixed use development up to a maximum height of 18-storeys will be permitted along the west side of Rochester Street provided such development is located along the entire frontage of Rochester Street between the east west streets extending from Preston Street to Rochester Street. In addition to satisfying the existing Official Plan policies and applicable Council-approved Urban Design Guidelines, development projects will be required to meet the following specific conditions with respect to development type:

Projects that incorporates a high profile building:

The development site shall have frontage on public lands along three sides which could comprise a combination of streets and/or public owned open space (i.e. frontage on three streets or frontage on two streets with one frontage on public owned open space). The podium and/or base of the development shall incorporate uses and human scale features to animate adjacent streets and open spaces.

Point tower design with multiple faces shall be provided for high-rise buildings.



Small floor plates will be encouraged with a residential tower being no greater than 750 square meters and office tower being less than 2,000 square meters. A minimum distance of 20 metres between the towers shall be provided to minimize shadowing impacts on public and private realms, ensure liveability, and to protect views and privacy. The relationship between potential towers within the same street block shall be addressed with towers being provided as shown on the tower location plan (Document 4) and measures being introduced through the development review and approval process to ensure orderly development of the block. Coordination of tower locations shall be pursued to optimize views from towers to Dow's Lake and other public amenities. Projects that a building up to 40-storeys will be expected to meet the following additional conditions:

A minimum distance of 30m between the towers shall be provided to minimize shadowing impacts on public and private realms, ensure liveability, and to protect views and privacy. The development shall display exceptional architecture quality and pursue design excellence and will be subject to a specialized peer design review process. The development shall pursue distinction and variation and no single project shall have high-rise buildings of the same height and identical design.

Projects along the west side of Rochester Street:

Only one tower will be permitted on each block end. The development shall ensure compatibility, transition, and integration with the existing and future low profile buildings on the remainder of the block. Projects along the east side of O-train adjacent to the Multi-use Pathway: The development shall ensure compatibility, transition, and integration with the existing and future low profile buildings on the remainder of the block. The development shall contribute to the establishment of a series of access mews from Adeline to Beech Streets parallel to the Multi-use Pathway.

Active Frontage

Continuous retail and commercial frontages shall be provided along Preston Street. Commercial and other active frontages will be required for development along Beech and Adeline Streets west of Preston Street. All development projects will be required to be oriented to the streets, pathways, or parks and animate the public spaces they face through pedestrian-friendly uses and architectural features such as doors, windows, and porches.

Public Realm Strategy

The successful transformation of Preston-Carling District will require the provision of a sufficient and generous high quality public realm. A comprehensive public realm plan should be prepared and implemented through collaboration between the City and all stakeholders. Streetscape improvement initiatives that will build on the successful implementation of the Preston Street streetscape plan and incorporate all aspects of streetscaping with priority projects that may include Carling Avenue, Champagne Avenue, Beech Street, and Rochester Street.

Pedestrian and cycling initiatives that will include improving existing connections and introducing new connections such as the Multi-Use Pathways along both sides of the O-train, street sidewalks, cycling-friendly streets, pedestrian and cycling bridges across the O-train, and pedestrian mews. "Complete street" initiatives that aim at re-gridding the street network within the District and strengthening the integration of the neighbourhoods on both sides of the O-train.

Public open space initiatives that will enhance existing and develop new municipi-

pal parks to serve the existing and new populations as well as explore opportunities for introducing publicly accessible private spaces such as squares.

Set out the means and methods to provide for those developing in the area to cover the costs for implementation and maintenance of defined public realm im-



provement initiatives. Establish a list of priority projects, primarily in the "Station Area" described in this report, to be implemented in the near future in association with, and with contribution from, the approved and to be approved high profile development projects. Such projects would be expected to include implementation secured as conditions on site plan approvals or through Section 37 Contributions:

The Pedestrian and cycling bridge approved to be constructed in 2013 near Hickory Street. The Multi-use Pathway along the west side of the O-train between Beech Street and Carling Avenue.

Improvements to Ev Tremblay Park.

Multi-purpose street initiative on Champagne Avenue south of Beech Street.

Streetscape and sidewalk improvements along Carling Avenue, including the expansion and improvement of sidewalks of the Carling Avenue bridge over the O-train.

Streetscape and sidewalk improvements along Sidney.

New street connection along east side of the O-train between Adeline Street and Sidney Street. Public square at the corner of Preston Street and Carling Avenue.

Traffic calming projects throughout the entire Preston-Carling District.

Councillor Diane Holmes Comments on the Preston Carling Report

1. The Preston Carling Report is a reversion to the discredited 'urban renewal' planning philosophies of the 1950s and 1960s, which totally discounted the values of the built heritage and human populations in existing communities. Little Italy is a working-class neighbourhood of historic and cultural importance to the City of Ottawa. During the most recent phases of urban renewal sixty years ago, large areas comprising whole neighbourhoods and communities were completely wiped away for planned redevelopment. This has made the remaining sectors all the more valuable and worthy of protection from another wave of displacement. In designating the whole area east of the O-Train corridor as a disposable throwaway zone, the City of Ottawa has abandoned its principles of community development, strengthening neighbourhoods and working with existing communities.

2. New vehicular roadway links over the O-Train tracks are car-oriented and totally contrary to the City of Ottawa approved green transportation hierarchy. The new high density developments that will be constructed within 600 metres of the new rapid transit station should be linked by the alternate modes. These new vehicular bridges will create collector roads on these residential streets.

3. The proposed 'mews' streets on the east side of the O-Train corridor mixed-use pathways are not supported by our green transportation hierarchy. Their only rationale is to provide vehicular access and service to new developments fronting the track area, and to encourage the obliteration of the dead-end streets in the section, which have historic value in their continuity and should provide quiet, street-oriented family housing.

4. The new building heights of nine stories along the O-Train corridor are too high, and the existing maximum building heights should be retained.

5. It is historically incorrect to assume that this plan reconnects the street grid between two neighbourhood on either side of the track with additional crossings. These areas have always been divided by the rail lines, which were established long before the buildings.

6. With the assistance of the Dalhousie Community Association I have made a calculation of the number of additional population and jobs that will be added to this 'Mixed Use Centre' with the developments already approved or currently applied for: 100 Champagne – 110 units; 101 Champagne – 252 units; 125 Hickory – 324 units; 865 Carling (if residential) – 500 units; 801 Albert -130K sq metres in jobs; 500 Preston – 294 units; 505 Preston – 248 units; 518 Rochester – 120 units. If we include the future 3-5 towers at the Dow Honda site (500 units) it appears the City of Ottawa will already be exceeding the 2031 intensification targets for this section of the Carling Baview Mixed Use Centre by 125%. Therefore there is no planning rationale to up-zone the healthy low scale residential streets east of the O-Train tracks such as the dead-end streets for increased development.



1st Annual Tiny Hoppers Father Daughter Ball!

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Fathers and Daughters were on hand at the glamorous rooftop tent of the National Arts Centre on Saturday August 18th, 2012 for the exclusive Tiny Hoppers 1st Annual Father Daughter Ball!

Upon arrival Fathers and their Daughters walked the famous Tiny Hoppers Red Carpet and got to enjoy the frogetini bar!

Guests enjoyed a delicious 3 course meal, Disney character princesses entertained the girls during dinner. The all girl band Blush performed during the evening, and an amazing Interactive Dj for the dads. After dinner treats included a complimentary cupcake bar, cookie bar, and candy bar. Girls also got to bring home goody bags and roses. The best part of the whole evening was that all profits raised went to the Make-A-Wish foundation. Owners of Tiny Hoppers Brigida Aversa and Theresa Bertuzzi were thrilled that the first year of this event raised \$4448!

Besides being a magical evening for all the little girls and their daddies, all the profits raised went to such a worthy cause, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, "we could not be more pleased or proud of how this event unfolded, and to be able to donate \$4448 made it all worthwhile, we cant wait to see you all next year on SUNDAY August 18, 2013!" says owner Brigida Aversa.



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Moving Light Rail Forward

By Mayor Jim Watson

On December 18th 2012, our City Council voted 24-0 to finalize the light rail plan that has been so long in the making for Ottawa. Named the Confederation Line and stretching from Tunney's Pasture in the west to Blair Station in the east, work is set to begin the first half of 2013 and the line will be completed and carrying passengers in 2018. We also hope to have the downtown stations opened for all to see on Canada's 150th Birthday on July 1st in 2017.



The Confederation Line will greatly increase the capacity of our city's transit system easing travel for transit users and also pedestrians, bikers, and drivers. This project will benefit not just one neighbourhood but the whole city. Its success is in everyone's interest no matter where you live or how you commute. More people on the Confederation Line means less people in cars and fewer buses on our downtown streets which is good news for everyone.

This is a \$2.1 billion project and as with any mammoth project of this kind there will be challenges along the road. But with the Rideau Transit Group, the world-class consortium that is building the system, I have every confidence that disruptions will be limited as much as possible. There will be short-term pain but it is for significant long-term gain. Furthermore, Council signed a fixed-price contract meaning that the city is protected against any cost overruns.

As we deliver on this Light Rail project, we will begin some exciting conversations about the future of our city. Compared to 2006, Ottawa's population is projected to grow by up to 30 percent by 2031 and easily surpass one million residents well before then. We have to keep population growth and mobility needs uppermost in mind as we conduct the 2013 review our Transportation Master Plan. The review must maintain a steady eye on the future and give considerable effort to accommodate our further evolution as Canada's capital and fourth largest city.

The Confederation Line is the first step in what will eventually be a light rail system that spans all of Ottawa. Soon we will begin the process of planning how to extend the system to the east, west, and south of Ottawa. But before we do so, we must focus on the task at hand which is to build the Confederation Line on time and on budget and I am confident that we will do so.

For more information about the Confederation Line and to see its route and stations designs visit www.ottawalightrail.ca

Green Initiatives in Ottawa

By Jim Watson, Mayor of Ottawa

As City Council enters its third year we can look back on years one and two and be proud of what we have accomplished. One file where I am particularly proud is the work we have done to make Ottawa a greener city. Some highlights include:

After years of fits and starts we signed the agreement that will bring Light Rail Transit (LRT) to Ottawa and reduce the number of cars and buses on the road.

This \$2.1 billion project will make it easier to get around our growing city and when completed the redesigned transit system will save the City up to \$100 million in annual operating costs, while eventually reducing our carbon emissions by some 94,000 tonnes.

We have implemented weekly green bin collection and biweekly garbage collection, which means 20% fewer collection vehicles on the road and savings of \$10 million per year. While it is still early in the program, initial results for November and December of 2012 show a significant increase in diversion rates since the start of bi-weekly collection. We have also distributed 7,000 new green bins to residences in the rural areas of Ottawa, making it a truly city-wide program.

2012 saw the lowest level of combined sewer overflows into the Ottawa River in years as the first phases of the Ottawa River Action cut overflows by 82% since 2006. We are continuing with our Green Fleet strategy and in 2012 the City of Ottawa won



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