



Italian Heritage Month & 150th Anniversary of the Unification of Italy Join the Celebrations!

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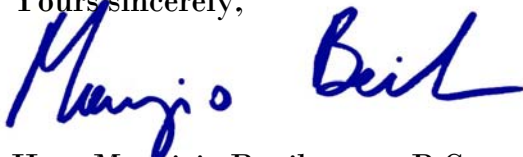
On behalf of the City of Vaughan and Members of Council, I am pleased to extend best wishes in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the Unification of Italy and Italian Heritage Month in Ontario. The Italian community in the City of Vaughan is a vital and important part of our civic life. Vaughan has the largest concentration of Italians in Canada, comprising 38 per cent of our population.

From Pier 21 to the 21st century, Italians have played a significant role in shaping the cultural, social and economic landscape of our great City, rendering it a vital partner of its evolution. As we celebrate the unification of Italy as a single state, we join Italians across the world in honouring the hard work, discipline and dignity that define the Italian spirit.

There is overwhelming evidence of the positive influence Italian-Canadians have had in the transformation of our cities, like Vaughan, and turned them into flourishing communities. Events like this serve not only to celebrate the great strides made by Italian-Canadians, they also pay tribute to the true ‘city builders’ who have overcome insurmountable odds to bring to fruition the goal of providing their families with the hope of a better tomorrow.

As an Italian-Canadian, I am proud to be a part of these important festivities which serve to ensure that future generations will preserve and continue to appreciate our rich heritage.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.
Mayor