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Attention: Mr. Michael Tibollo, President

February 28, 2011

Dear Mr. Tibollo,

It is with great pleasure that I received your letter informing me and the Italian community in Vancouver of the amazing projects your organization is coordinating in Ontario to celebrate our common heritage.

Congratulations for the provincial Act that proclaims the Italian Heritage Month in Ontario. That is, indeed, a great success and acknowledgment for our community!

We are very proud of such an admirable result, which not only brings prestige to the Italian Canadian community in Ontario and in every other province of Canada, but it serves also as example for the Italians all over our nation.

It will be our pleasure to collaborate to the project of a more unified Italian Canadian community, running from one coast to the other. The lack of communication and ties between our various communities dispersed throughout Canada is something we noticed, too, and we would love to be part of the solution.

I am delighted to inform you that, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy and the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Vancouver, we have already received a favourable reply to our request to the Mayor of Vancouver to proclaim June 2011 the Italian Heritage Month in Vancouver.

I am enclosing herein some general information regarding our June celebrations, and I will be pleased to send you some more information via email as plans develop further.

I am looking forward to hearing from you again regarding your exciting projects and how we can work together to promote the Italian culture and heritage throughout Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JF', written in a cursive style.

Joe Finamore
President



The Vancouver Italian Cultural Centre is thrilled to announce that the Mayor of Vancouver, Gregor Robertson, has proclaimed **June 2011** as Italian Heritage Month in Vancouver!

Our traditional Italian Week celebration has taken on new life and with newly intensified community partnerships, this year it's bigger and better!

We're excited to partner with the CONSULATE GENERAL OF ITALY, the ITALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, the ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA, SLOW FOOD VANCOUVER, and many very talented and passionate Italians and Italophiles!

June 2011 will be an unforgettable month of exploration and enjoyment of so many facets of the magnificent culture of Italy!

Highlights...

Discover a new theme each week...

- Week 1: ITALY'S NATIONAL DAY (June 2) - *festive* celebration of the Opening
- Week 2: ART, ARCHITECTURE, & DESIGN - *intriguing*, from the Renaissance to today's Italy
- Week 3: FOOD & WINE - *fabulous* food, wine and chefs
- Week 4: PERFORMING ARTS - *inspiring* actors, singers and dancers
- Week 5: ITALIAN CINEMA - *classic* Italian film stars

A full calendar of all the special events is coming soon, including the menu for our much-anticipated, multi-regional Italian gourmet banquet! The majority of events will be free of charge and open to the public.

Location & Contact...

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