

Saturday, October 25, 2008
Afternoon

Vellore Village Joint Complex,
1 Villa Royale Avenue, City of Vaughan

12:45 pm Lunch (Cafeteria), with guest speaker Ian Chodikoff, Editor, *Canadian Architect*

1:45 pm Concurrent Panel Discussions, III

A. Health and Welfare north of Steeles:
moderated by M. Cioni, Advisory Committee,
Mariano A. Elia Chair in Italian Canadian
Studies, York University

Isabel Araya, Executive Director,
Vaughan Community Health Centre

Kim Baker, Senior Director, Central-Local
Health Integration Network

Franca Damiani Carella, Executive Director,
The Vitanova Foundation

B. Schooling in a Multi-ethnic Suburb:
moderated by E. Costa, York University

Kulsoom Anwer, Graduate Student in
Education/Teacher, Sir Sandford Fleming
Academy, Toronto District School Board

Olga Ferro, Community Partnership
Development, York Catholic School Board

Carl James, Professor of Sociology &
Education, York University

Oksana Majaski, Community Resource Office,
York District School Board

**C. Arts & Culture: From Connection to
(Con)fusion?** Moderated by Greg Sorbara,
MPP, Vaughan

Honourable Navdeep Bains, MP, Mississauga-
Brampton South

Tony Carella, Councillor, Ward 2, City of Vaughan

Reza Moridi, MPP, Richmond Hill

Peter Sherman, MPP, Thornhill

3:15 pm Break (Theatre Room)

3:30 pm Concluding Plenary Session (Theatre Room)

6:30 pm Reception and dinner, Da Vinci Banquet Hall,
5732 Highway 7, Woodbridge



The Mariano A. Elia Chair in Italian
Canadian Studies, Founders College,
York University, and the City of
Vaughan are pleased to welcome you to:

PROJECT VAUGHAN

Connecting Communities

CULTURE,
CITIZENSHIP &
PARTICIPATION

The conference Connecting Communities: Culture, Citizenship & Participation was organized by Gabriele Scardellato & Mauro Buccheri, York University, Tony Carella, Councillor, City of Vaughan and Maria Cioni, Advisory Board, Mariano A. Elia Chair in Italian-Canadian Studies. The organizers would like to thank the Mariano A. Elia Chair in Italian-Canadian Studies and Founders College, York University, and the City of Vaughan, for their contributions. A sincere thank you also is extended to all session chairs and moderators as well as all of the presenters for their contributions.

Everyone is welcome -- admission is free.

Thursday, October 23, 2008

Council Chamber, Vaughan Civic Centre
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, City of Vaughan

7:00 pm **Welcome:** Program Director and Co-Chairs

Special Guest: Linda Jackson,
Mayor, City of Vaughan,

7:15 pm **Keynote Address:**

Angelo Persichilli, political editor,
Corriere Canadese

8:00 pm **General Discussion on Keynote Address**

8:45 pm **Reception:**
Public Hearing Room and Lobby

Friday, October 24, 2008 Morning

York University, 4700 Keele Street, City of Toronto,
Founders College, Senior Common Room 305

8:30 am **Breakfast**

9:00 am **Opening remarks**

Robert Drummond, Dean of Arts
Mauro Buccheri, Master of Founders College
Tony Carella, Conference Co-chair

9:30-11:00 **Morning Session**

Chaired by Fahim Quadir, York University
George Fallis, York University:
The University, Democracy, and Citizenship
David Dewitt, York University:
Values, Identities, Interests:
What does it mean to be a Canadian citizen
in the 21st Century?

Sabrina Di Marco, Lucy Di Pietro, AMICI:
The Italian-Canadian Museum in Vaughan

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-12:30 **Morning Session continued**

Gabriele Scardellato, York University:
Community Creation as Monologue
or Dialogue?

Robert Kennedy, York University:
Thinking civically: civic identity and
participation among Portuguese youth in
Ontario and Québec

Friday, October 24, 2008 Afternoon

York University, 4700 Keele Street, City of Toronto,
Founders College, Senior Common Room 305

12:30-1:45 **Lunch break**

1:45-3:00 **Afternoon Session**

Chaired by Gabriella Colussi-Arthur,
York University

Mauro Buccheri, York University:
Humanism and the Invisible City

Livy Visano, York University:
Anarchy as Community Empowerment

3:00-3:15 **Break**

3:15-4:00 **Afternoon Session continued**

Vincent Andrisani and Jason Buccheri:
Acoustic Ecology and the Humber River

Roberta Iannacito-Provenzano and
Jana Vizmuller-Zocco, York University:
Representations of Vaughan in
Facebook Groups

4:00-4:30 **Closing Remarks:**

Selwyn McSween, Centre for Human Rights,
Senior Advisor, Case Resolution,
York University, and Reception

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8:30 am **Breakfast** (Theatre Room)

9:00 am **Opening Remarks**

David Dewitt, Assoc. Vice-President
Research, York University

9:30 am **Concurrent Panel Discussions, I**

**A. Arts & Culture: From Connection
to (Con)fusion?** moderated by M. Buccheri,
Master, Founders College, York University

Sharon Gaum-Kuchar, Arts Coordinator,
City of Vaughan

Rocco Pannese, President,
The Kipling Gallery, Woodbridge

Joan Sax, Co-founder and Chair of Education
Services, Opera York

9:30 am
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B. Suburban Spirituality, moderated by
Rev. J. Keenan, New Hope United Church

Rabbi Eva Goldfinger, Humanistic Judaism

Naseem Mahdi, Missionary in Charge,
Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam

Pankaj Mehra, representing the Hindu community

Claudio Moser, OFM, St. Peter's Catholic
Church, Woodbridge

C. Business & Philanthropy: moderated by
S. Dimock, York University

Deborah Bonk, President & CEO, Vaughan
Chamber of Commerce

Jason Sordi, Branch Manager (Unionville),
Royal Bank of Canada

Will Sung, President, Vaughan Chinese
Canadian Business Association

10:45 pm

Break (Theatre Room)

11:15 am

Concurrent Panel Discussions, II

**A. Social & Criminal Justice, Policing
& the Courts:** moderated by Livy Visano,
York University

Ramiro Alonso, Area Manager, Ministry of
Correctional Services

Louie Genova, LLB, criminal defense attorney

Armand La Barge, Chief of Police, York Region

Salvatore Merenda, Judge of the Ontario
Court of Justice

B. Push or Pull?: Youth & the Political Process:
moderated by R. Kennedy, York University

Sabrina Bruno, Vaughan Youth Councillor
(2008-2009)

Mark Frisole, Vaughan Youth Councillor (2006)

Abdulkadir Hassan, President, Student Council,
Founders College, York University

Jillian Steinberg, Founders College Academic
Peer Advisor and Social Work Student,
York University

C. Immigration, Settlement...and Integration?:

moderated by G. Scardellato, Program
Director, Mariano A. Elia Chair in Italian
Canadian Studies, York University

Mario Calla, Executive Director, COSTI

Sunder Singh, Executive Director,
Elsbeth Heyworth Centre for Women

Margaret Singleton, Chief Executive Officer,
Vaughan Public Libraries