



## **Villa Charities Cultural Advisory Council**

The VCI Cultural Advisory Council will be instrumental in providing guidance and direction to the cultural mandate of VCI, by reflecting on the strategic mission of the community organization.

The Advisory Council will serve as a sounding-board to verify that strategies are relevant, and that projects reflect the integral interest of the community at large. Members of the Advisory Council will generate ideas with the hopes of building a shared vision for the broader Italian-Canadian community.

### **Responsibilities**

The Advisory Council will:

- broker partnerships and support outreach to the wider community
- help refine the VCI strategy and ensure that the programming is balanced and inclusive
- ensure that the following is reflected in the cultural outreach and programming: gender, age, intellectual interests, contemporary versus heritage, and so forth
- provide input that is reflective of the VCI mandate and is within the reasonable limitations of budget, staff time and resources

### **Advisory Council Members**

According to the VCI by-laws, the Cultural Advisory Committee will consist of the following representation:

- VCI Board Director, Chair of Culture
- Executive Director, VCI Cultural Programming
- One member from the affiliate board of Villa Colombo Toronto



- One member from the affiliate board of Villa Colombo Vaughan
- One member from the affiliate board of Columbus Centre
- Six members from the Italian-Canadian community spanning the arts, culture, academia, etc.
- Three youth members from the Italian-Canadian community

Each Council member will attend two (2) meetings per year.

A vibrant, multidisciplinary cultural program will impact positively on the Italian-Canadian community. It is our hope that, as VCI Cultural Advisory Council members, we can learn from one another; that we can bolster the fabric of our community by informing a strong, focused cultural platform which gives us a sense a pride in who we are, and our contribution to the Italian identity in Canada.

Thank you for being part of the conversation.

Emanuele Lepri  
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