

Third Public Consultation Summary

On January 18, 2018, the Consul General, Giuseppe Pastorelli, and CIBPA invited the general public to attend the third information session in relation to the property housing the Consulate General of Italy in Toronto ("the Property"). The consultation was held at the consular premises at 136 Beverly St.

Eddy Burrello and Nino Pasquariello from CIBPA, media and press professionals, his Honourable Justice Frank Iacobucci and members of the Italian community attended the session.

The Consul General brought attention to one particular guest from the audience, Ted Larkin, the great great grandson of George Beardmore, from Chudleigh, England, who built the Property in 1871.

After his opening remarks, Giuseppe Pastorelli explained that the purpose of the consultation was to update the community on the process that may lead to the renovation and redevelopment of the consular site.

The Consul General explained that the process needs to be in compliance with local laws, in particular with the guidelines set by the *Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive* issued by the Management Board of Cabinet, effective July 1, 2011.

At this stage, Pastorelli explained that the first step to be taken is an invitation to the public for the submission of Expressions of Interest ("EOI") for the Property. The purpose of the invitation is to obtain feedback from interested suppliers on possible solutions to accomplish the objectives that the Consulate General of Italy and CIBPA set: i.e. to renovate the premises of the Consulate General of Italy and benefit the Community.

The invitation for the EOI will be sent to the public by the end of January/beginning of February. It will be posted online in realtor databases, published in national newspapers and government sites and made publicly available using the channels that guidelines governing public process recommend. A period of six weeks to collect the feedback from potential interested parties will follow.

The EOI received will be reviewed and by the end of March, the Consulate General of Italy and CIBPA should be able to determine whether the renovation and potential redevelopment of the Property is feasible. If feasible options are suggested, the Consul General and CIBPA will reach out to the Community to continue the discussion on the goals to select the best solution for the renovation of the property and for the community.

Members of the Italo-Canadian community asked whether the Consulate General of Italy and CIBPA already have a predetermined project plan for the renovation of the Property and set guidelines for the potential suppliers. Giuseppe Pastorelli replied that they did not. His Honourable Frank Iacobucci explained that it was not wise to commence the process with a preconceived notion on the renovation of the Property as it would be preclusive of solutions that suppliers may provide.

It was clarified that the EOI will be collected from interested parties worldwide, and that neither the Consulate General of Italy or CIBPA have imposed territorial limitations on submissions from suppliers.

Members of the community expressed concerns about the continuation of this project, once the feasibility has been determined, considering that Giuseppe Pastorelli is about to finish his mandate in

Toronto. Pastorelli reassured the community that this project is a Ministry of Foreign Affairs' project and that, if feasible, it will move forward.

Media and press professionals questioned Eddy Burrello on the role played by CIBPA in the project and asked why the association did not take steps in the past to involve the community. It was reiterated that CIBPA has an interest in the Property identified as right of first refusal (it cannot be activated by itself) and that it does not have the same rights of co-owners of property. However, when the Consul General of Italy commenced the discussion on the renovation of the Property, CIBPA became immediately an active participant and reached out to the Community.

The Consul General informed the attendees that in the weeks to follow the information session, he will meet with City Officials to provide an update on the process that the Consulate General of Italy and CIBPA intend to follow.

Giuseppe Pastorelli concluded that future meetings with the community will be set once EOI from interested parties are obtained and to continue the discussion on the renovation and potential redevelopment of Casa d'Italia.