

# City man named president of Italian organization

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A Mississauga resident has been elected president of the National Congress of Italian Canadians (NCIC), Toronto district.

Ettore Cardarelli, of Trotwood Ave., accepted the two-year position last week, "exactly one year to the day after the victory of the Italian soccer team in Spain," he smiles.

NCIC is the umbrella body of the Italian community in Canada. The organization deals with issues affecting the welfare of Italian Canadians, such as programming in schools, racism, and integration with other community groups.

Cardarelli will not only have to work within Toronto, but he will also hold a seat on the national executive.

"There are five regions of the NCIC in Canada, and they are British Columbia, the Prairies, Quebec, Ontario and the East," Cardarelli says. "The Toronto district is the largest in Canada, with 400,000 Italians, and therefore Toronto has a seat on the national executive. So I will be working for both the national as well as local boards."

Since taking up the volunteer position of president last week, Cardarelli, 30, has been busy arranging meetings, meeting new people, and planning his activities for the coming year.

"I intend to re-establish links with the community at large. We must cultivate a community network through a series of meetings with members of the public and various com-

munity groups in the Metro Toronto and surrounding areas. We will discuss what the congress is, what it should be, and how it should operate. And then we can work from there."

As well as serving with the NCIC, Cardarelli is employed by the John Howard Society of Ontario, an organization that offers help to people who are or have been in trouble with the law. He holds the position of financial resource co-ordinator.

Born in Abruzzo, Italy, Cardarelli came to Canada in 1961. He attended Port Credit High School and the University of Toronto, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science.