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## Upcoming Events

CIBPA National Convention  
October 15, 1999

Spring Dinner  
May 6, 1999  
Travelodge Airline Hotel  
6:00 PM Symposium  
7:00 PM Dinner

Golf Tournament  
Centennial Golf Course  
July 22, 1999

Festa Italiana  
Italian Centennial Hall  
August 1999

### Mark these dates in



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Brian D. MacRae**  
City Manager,  
Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay

Born and Educated in Nova Scotia, Mr. MacRae obtained a Bachelor of Commerce from Dalhousie University in Halifax. After articling with Touche Ross & Co., Brian obtained his designation as a Chartered Accountant and is currently a member of four provincial institutes, including the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario. He also has a diploma in Public Administration from the University of Western Ontario.

Mr. MacRae has had a broad based career in both the public and private sectors. He spent several years in retail management, as well as holding various financial management positions in the private sector. In recent years, Mr. MacRae's career

has been focused on municipal management. In the late 1980's, he was City Manager in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Subsequently, Brian was Commissioner of Community Services in Mississauga and, prior to his appointment as City Manager in Thunder Bay, Mr. MacRae was General Manager of Parks and Recreation in Surrey, B.C.

In the midst of government financial downloading, Thunder Bay is faced with many challenges, although many opportunities arise, if we know where to look.

Join us, as Brian details the challenges and opportunities facing the City of Thunder Bay in the next millennium.

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## President's Message

-Frank Mirabelli, MBA, BBA, AISC

Welcome back. It is my sincere hope that your 1999 personal and business goals and objectives are well under way to being achieved. Your local CIBPA of Thunder Bay Executive has been very active, making advances on a number of fronts, leading the way in business networking and friendships.

The Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association 1999 Convention plans are well underway. Dates, times, and locations are now being finalized. Watch for more details to follow. I take this opportunity to thank all volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

On another note, *Hats Off* to the organizers of the

## Members in the News

- Congratulations to Frank Mirabelli, CIBPA President (97-99), on his appointment as Regional Manager of Brookfield LePage Johnson Controls, Facilities Management Services.
- Best wishes to Mario Caccamo on his new position as Travel Consultant with Thunder Bay Travel
- Best wishes to Peter Pullia on his expansion at Victoriaville Hair Design to include Esthetic Services provided by Esthetician Marisa Talarico.

## Membership Does Have its Privileges!

Members are hereby reminded that by a decree of the Board of Directors, effective May 16, 1999, membership fees will increase as follows:

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| New members.....             | \$ 110 |
| Member renewal .....         | \$ 85  |
| New Student members .....    | \$ 70  |
| Student member renewal ..... | \$ 45  |

Revenues from the fees provides members the enjoyment and benefits they currently receive, and allows for the daily operation of our non-profit or-

ganization. The increase in fees is merely reflective of the rise in costs. Historically, the fees have remained untouched since the inception of our Chapter in 1990. To maintain the same calibre of service, and to continuously improve, revenues must increase.

We are proud to present Mr. Brian MacRae, Manager of the City of Thunder Bay as our guest speaker at the Spring Dinner. All paid-up members are entitled to a free dinner ticket. Invite a friend and make a night of it. Tickets are available from any board member.

Finally, I wish you all a great summer season and look forward to seeing you at the Spring Dinner.

- Congratulations to Mike Leggett on his promotion to Senior Manager, Portfolio Quality at the Bank of Montreal, Sudbury, Ontario.
- Best wishes to Arvo Tyrvaiven, Regional Manager of Investors Group, on the relocation of the Investors Group office on June 1, 1999 to 1113 Jade Crt.

If you have any news, please forward it to the address on the front page.

We invite an open dialogue as to how we may improve the programs and services we offer. You may call any member of the Board.

# Join us, as Thunder Bay hosts the CIBPA's 1999 National Convention!

## 1999 CONFERENCE

### Volunteer on a Committee:

- Opening Ceremonies
- Budget
- Special Events
- Major Sponsors
- Extracurricular
- Marketing

## MEMBERSHIP

### PRIVILEGES

- Two dinners (Fall and Spring), no charge
- National Membership Directory Binder
- Annual Directory Insert
- Newsletters from CIBPA of Thunder Bay
- Invitations to annual events/activities

## FEES

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| New.....          | \$110 |
| Renewal .....     | \$ 85 |
| New Student ..... | \$ 70 |
| Student Rwl ..... | \$ 45 |

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**Bocce Tournament**

Food, Friends, Beer and Bocce - what a lethal mix! A mix that never fails to have the evening ending with 20 friends in a circle singing good ol' Italian songs.

We thank those 20 along with our sponsors for making this year's event another great tournament:

Lafarge Canada  
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**Curling Tournament**

What seemed to be ballroom dancing on ice, this year's event had the best skippers rivaled only by the U.S. Naval Fleet.

Shore-leave pupils were gathered by the disciple for a famous visit to the Pope's Chapel that had the entire chorus singing to John Scaffeo's melodies.

Congratulations to the winners: Rose Bava, Chis Lushney, Ken Hogan, Gary Wiwicharyk.

We thank our many sponsors, many of whom had a grand visit to the

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CIBPA  
CIBPA Board of Directors  
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Silvio DiGregorio  
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Peter Pullia  
Midway Cleaners  
John Scaffeo  
Superior Travel  
Laura Scimeca  
TD Evergreen  
Mike Whistle  
Investors Group  
Arvo Tyrvaiven

**New CIBPA Members**

| Surname   | First Name | Position Title             | Company                      |
|-----------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Amendola  | Pino       | Owner/Operator             | Royal Property Maintenance   |
| Berini    | Debra      | Commercial Account Manager | Bank of Nova Scotia          |
| Cava      | John       | Sales Representative       | Manitoulin Transport         |
| Chiodo    | Joseph     | Chartered Accountant       | BDO Dunwoody                 |
| Colistro  | Fortunato  | Sales Representative       | Sunset Memorial Gardens      |
| Meo       | Felice     | Co-Owner                   | Tractor Trailer Service      |
| Tyrvaiven | Arvo       | Regional Manager           | Investors Group              |
| Ukrainec  | Bill       | Account Agent              | AllState Insurance of Canada |



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OF THUNDER BAY



Presents

## SPRING DINNER MEETING

Thursday, May 6, 1999

*"City Challenges & Opportunities"*



Guest Speaker

**BRIAN D. MACRAE**

City Manager, Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay



TRAVELODGE HOTEL (FORMELY AIRLANE HOTEL)  
TIBERIO ROOM

### TIME TABLE

6:00 PM Reception, Networking Hour  
(Cash Bar)  
7:00 PM Dinner  
8:45 PM Address by Guest Speaker

### ADMISSION

Members - No Charge  
Non-Members - \$35.00

### RESERVATIONS


Tables of 8 can be purchased & reserved in  
advance

### R.S.V.P.

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