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Workplace Social Responsibility

A born leader, John Doma has successfully built a workplace culture that encourages health and wellness and social/environmental responsibility in his team.

John promotes the Bateman MacKay team core value of PRIDE: Proactive, Responsive, Integrity, Dedicated, Entrepreneurial. Actively working with a progressive health organization, he established healthy eating and wellness programs including comprehensive health assessments and an education component. For some organizations this type of supplemental workplace program is something of a paradigm shift; for John it made perfect sense.

Environmental initiatives include a workplace recycling program with the team living the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle edict in their everyday routines; and the firm fully migrated to a paperless environment.

Slovenian Community and Youth

In his Consul duties he has dedicated himself to promoting Slovenian culture, innovation and business with a focus on networking and youth participation. During his tenure he has re-invented the Canadian Slovenian Chamber of Commerce increasing paid membership from 6 to over 120 companies, making it his mission to promote trade and dialogue between Canada and Slovenia. In 2014, he spearheaded a trade mission that invited Slovenian business delegates to Canada to liaise with Canadian companies.

In 2015, John created the first ever Canadian Slovenian Music Festival (www.canslofest.com). His efforts included rallying local businesses in sponsoring the festival. This hugely successful event saw performances by artists such as Vlado Kreslin, Spot Light Orchestra, Julia Mihevc, Abbey Kompare, Lynn Marie Rink, and Joe Miskulin. The Festival brought the Canadian and Slovenian communities together and gave positive exposure to the Slovenian community, culture and music.

A founding member of the Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation, more than 20 years later John still sits on the Board of this foundation that promotes Slovenian youth in their pursuit of academic excellence.

John is one of the founders of the Toronto Business Academy. He assisted a group of Slovenian youth to start a certificate program in business. Now in its third year, the program has been a wonderful success, exposing Slovenian youth to the Canadian business environment, and facilitating relationships with Canadian Slovenian youth.

Recognized for his ceaseless commitment to the Slovenian community, in 2015 John's efforts were recognized with the Exceptional Volunteer Award from the Slovenian Home Association.