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PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- ◆ Greek-Canadian, born October 30, 1956 FROM.Rethimnon, Crete
- ◆ Greek Orthodox and resident of Park Extension for the past 47 years
- ◆ Speaks four languages, English & Greek (100%) French (30%) Italian (20%)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND



- ◆ High School Diploma
- ◆ Bachelor degree at Concordia University Montreal
- ◆ Graduate from the Academy of Mechanics of the CANADA Military Navy with diploma in Mechanical Engineering

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

- ◆ M. P. For the city of Montreal from 1982- 2003
- ◆ Leader of the Opposition for the city of Montreal from 1982-1989
- ◆ Leader of the Federalist team Canada from 1986-2006
On December 24, 1983 five (5) snow blowers were bought with personal donation for use at the old aged homes, churches and hospitals of Park Extension.
- ◆ On March 17, 1983 a proposal for the opening of Querbes St. and LIEGs St. was introduced.
- ◆ On July 18, 1984 as the leader of the opposition lead Mayor Jean Drapo and his council to visit the neglected district of Park Extension.
- ◆ On October 16, 1986 with a proposal to the city of Montreal and with By-law 69-45 the name “Park Athina” was awarded to a central park in Park Extension, where most Greeks still reside.
- ◆ On October 16, 1986 with proposal 24.2 to the city of Montreal lead to the creation of a Casino, thus breaking a long standing Canadian tradition.
- ◆ On October 16, 1986 with proposal 24.3 to the city of Montreal led the fundraising effort for the earthquake victims of the city of Kalamata in Greece.
- ◆ In 1986 a study was introduced to the city of Montreal for the recognition of the Multi-Cultural Communities and their Ethnic and religious celebrations.

- ◆ On April 19, 1994 invited by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien was the prime speaker at the Liberal Party General Assembly and spoke on behalf of the Multi-Cultural Communities and their needs.
- ◆ Many honorary distinctions from Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and congressmen Mr. Philip Gigantes and Serge Zuagial
- ◆ Proposal to the Canadian Government and the city of Montreal to support Greece in the bid for the 1996 Olympic Games and their 100th year anniversary
- ◆ In 1998 was awarded by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople the Gold Metal of Orthodoxy for services to mankind without discrimination on language, color and religion.
- ◆ Was responsible for organizing meetings in all levels of government for Prime Minister of Greece Andreas Papandreou during his visit to Canada

BUSINESS BACKGROUND

- ◆ Owner and president of S.A.P Import Export Inc.
- ◆ Owner and president of Rasoulis Realities
- ◆ Owner and president of Rasoulis Ship Lines Inc. International in Greece
- ◆ President of the Pancretian Union “Eleftherios Venizelos Canada Inc.”
- ◆ President of the Vardinogiannis Institute Canada Inc.
- ◆ Executive Director of Panathinaikos Soccer & BASKETBALL.CANADA
- ◆ Representative of Companies International for Canada and the United States of America.
- ◆ In 1972 helped the Quebec economy by ordering 7 tankers through a contract with Davies Shipping Limited and Motor Oil Hellas

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND

- ◆ Vice president of the Greek Community of Montreal
- ◆ Member of the Greek-Canadian Congress
- ◆ Leader of the “Greek Volunteers for the Olympic Games – Athens 2004”
- ◆ President and Vice president of the Liberal Party of Quebec, in the district of Laurier for 14 years
- ◆ Honorary president for life of the Greek Soccer Teams of Quebec
- ◆ President of the “NO” Committee during the first referendum in the district of Laurier
- ◆ President of the school committee at Sinclair Lair School in Park Extension for 4 years
- ◆ Organized events for senior citizens during religious celebrations
- ◆ Member of many committees for Canadian Unity
- ◆ From 1970 worked for the Liberal Party fighting for Canadian Unity
- ◆ Committee President for Ethnic Minorities in Canada

ORGANIZER & SPONSOR

- ◆ Founder of the Vardinogiannis Institute Inc.
- ◆ Founder of Panathinaikos Athletic Club Canada
- ◆ Founder of the Pancretian Union “Eleftherios Venizelos Canada Inc.”
- ◆ Sponsor of the Greek Soccer Cup since 1982
- ◆ Sponsor of the Greek Festival “Greece and her friends”

- ◆ Organizer of the Food Baskets for the Ethnic Groups since 1970. Cooking of meals for the poor.
- ◆ Sponsor of the Greek-Canadian athletes from the Greek Community of Montreal, as well as from other communities that participated in “Vardinogiannia 1985” (cost for 32 days \$ 347,000.00)
- ◆ Sponsor of cultural, athletic and ethnic events
- ◆ Helping of new immigrants, refugees, senior citizens and people with special needs since 1987 and still going strong
- ◆ Since 1982 spent over \$ 300,000.00 in helping the poor at Park Extension
- ◆ From 1973 worked on behalf of the Multi-Cultural Religious Communities to help them find a place of worship
- ◆ Sponsors the Rehabilitation Centre “Freedom House since 1978. The house helps young people stay clean from drugs and alcohol
- ◆ Sponsor and organizer of seminars with professionals against “Drugs & Alcohol” with participation of the RCMP, Surete du Quebec and the Municipal Police.
- ◆ Helping senior citizens and people with special needs to hospitals and government offices on a 24 hour basis.
- ◆ Scholarships to Greek students in the medical and research fields
- ◆ Since 1982 the amount of \$ 617,000.00 was spent to help fellow Greeks from Greece with their medical bills
- ◆ Sponsored the Volunteers of the Olympic Games 2004, and paid \$32,700.00 for them to go to Greece
- ◆ In 2005 sponsored the soccer teams PAO Canada & Hellas as well as the basketball team PAO Canada with \$ 243,000.00
- ◆ From 1996 to 2004 sponsored events for the Vardinogiannis Institute Inc., athletic events for PAO Canada and to advertise the Olympic Games in Greece in all 13 provinces. Total cost of the events per annum is as follows:

1996	\$ 102,289.01
1998	\$ 170,397.13
2001	\$ 250,416.54
2002	\$ 268,756.93
2003	\$ 247,506.01
<u>2004</u>	\$ 343,418.05
Σύνολο	\$1,382,783.67