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David Crombie resigns as President and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Urban Institute regret to advise that David Crombie has resigned from his position as President and CEO of the CUI to pursue other opportunities.

David has been with the CUI since 2001. Over the past six years, he has contributed tremendously to the work of the CUI. His role as a thoughtful leader and trusted advisor helped the CUI expand its role and grow in influence.

Among his many accomplishments, David led the CUI's extensive role in the UN Habitat events in Vancouver in 2005. The CUI's workshop at the Urban Forum brought together both the Institute's partners from four continents and a number of the CUI's domestic associates. David also led the successful establishment of the Urban Leadership Awards. These awards acknowledge the work of a broad range of Canadians from many walks of life whose contributions enhance quality of life in our cities. He also conceived and developed the Jane Jacobs award, given to an outstanding individual for their unique contribution to Canada's cities.

Throughout his tenure, David chaired many conferences and events organized by the CUI, adding knowledge, humour and a deep understanding of a broad range of urban issues. His services were frequently called upon by government to provide an independent perspective on emerging public policy under the auspices of the CUI. Perhaps his most important contribution has been to help articulate and promote thinking about the public realm and the related economic, environmental, social and cultural competitiveness of urban areas.

David has recently been appointed by the Government of Canada to head up two Aboriginal land claims negotiations and will continue with his many other activities and initiatives. The Board of Directors wish David continued success in his future endeavours and intend to keep David involved with the CUI events and activities whenever David's busy schedule allows.

The Board expects to announce a new CEO and President shortly to continue the important task of leading and growing the CUI.

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