

# Media Release



## ***Heading for the finale: urban leaders soon to be named***

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Just three weeks away, the excitement and anticipation are building as the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) prepares to announce the award recipients at its inaugural Urban Leadership Awards luncheon, Wednesday, May 26, 2004 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. "This awards presentation will be an opportunity to celebrate the many, many individuals, groups and organizations that have contributed to our public realm," says David Crombie, President and CEO.

The recipients have been selected from over 130 nominations from the public. One recipient will be named from each of these categories: City Renewal, City Engagement, City Livability and City Soul. A special Jane Jacobs Lifetime Achievement Award will also be presented to honour Toronto's "Honest Ed" Mirvish.

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## **Urban Leadership Awards Finalists - May 5, 2004**

### **City Renewal**

This includes those who have developed assets like parks and libraries; improved people's lives in health, education, the environment or recreation; beautified our streets and landmarks, or advocated passionately for their city or community.

### **Finalists**

Ms. Elyse Allan  
Avana Capital Corporation  
Mr. Jack Diamond  
Mr. David Pecaut  
TD Bank Financial Group

### **City Soul**

Pursuits that inspire, inform, enrich and engage our collective spirits whether through the arts, entertainment, heritage programs, sport and recreation, cultural exchange, or other initiatives.

### **Finalists**

Ms. Karen Black and Ms. Jane French  
Mr. Richard Bradshaw  
Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre  
Ms. Eleanor Koldofsky  
Toronto International Film Festival Group

### **City Livability**

Actions that make our cities more livable from finding new ways and means to improve our healthcare, education and the environment to enhancing public places and spaces and instilling confidence about our personal safety and security.

### **Finalists:**

Black Business & Professional Association  
George Brown College, "The Toronto City College"  
Mr. Vern Harper  
Metropolitan Action Committee on Public Violence Against Women and Children, METRAC  
Mr. Jim Richards / General Motors of Canada Limited / Friends of Second Marsh  
Toronto Public Library

### **City Engagement**

Contributions that enlist community, government and corporate support to provide services and promote attitudinal change through social action and public participation.

### **Finalists**

Carpenters Local 27 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust Fund Inc.  
Ms. Anne Golden  
Mr. Rahul Raj  
United Way of Greater Toronto  
YMCA of Greater Toronto  
Yonge Street Mission