

# Media Release



## Identifying urban leaders

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As part of its new Urban Leadership Awards Program, the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) is seeking Nominations from the public starting Friday, October 10 through Friday, November 28, 2003. This process will help us to identify and select individuals, groups or organizations that have made "a significant contribution to the public realm," says David Crombie, President and CEO.

"The quality of urban life in Canada has been rooted historically in the power and strength of the public realm," he adds. "Education, health, social services, public safety and security, cultural and recreational facilities, environmental stewardship and community places and spaces are all part of the public realm.

"They are the connecting tissues between our private worlds and our essential links from one generation to another...the glue that holds us together and the bedrock upon which we have built our prosperity, our communities and our social peace."

Some examples of an urban leader include:

- taking the lead to develop community assets such as parks and libraries
- recognizing the need and marshalling the resources for programs that improve the quality of peoples' lives whether in health, education, environment or recreation
- contributing to the betterment of the community by initiatives that beautify the streets and landmarks, or adding to our feeling of safety and security or
- advocating passionately for their city or community and making a difference.

The winners of the first Urban Leadership Awards will be acknowledged at an inaugural Luncheon, May 26, 2004 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The CUI gratefully acknowledges The Ontario Trillium Foundation for its support.

To nominate an urban leader:

Please complete the Nomination forms found at  
[www.canurb.com/nominations](http://www.canurb.com/nominations)

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