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## David Crombie Announces Champions of the Public Realm

**Civic awards honour outstanding individuals and organizations that have made profound contributions to the quality of urban life. Awards will be presented at the Canadian Urban Institute's 2007 Urban Leadership Awards Ceremony at the Fairmont Royal York on Thursday, June 14, 2007.**

Media innovator **Moses Znaimer**, Toronto Community Housing Corporation's **Derek Ballantyne**, Future Aces visionary and hockey legend **Herb Carnegie** and the former Mayor of Markham **Donald Cousens**, are among the winners of the 2007 Urban Leadership Awards announced today by David Crombie, President and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI).

Each year, the CUI presents the awards to individuals and organizations who through their leadership, activism, tenacity and vision change lives and transform communities. "These are the champions of our civic public realm," said Crombie. "Their activism inspires us to build better cities."

Reflecting Canada's growing awareness that the quality of urban life is deeply rooted in the quality and strength of its public realm, the CUI's awards will honour social and cultural programs and initiatives such as: **The Mentoring Partnership Program** of the Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council and the Maytree Foundation; **Nuit Blanche**, which was produced by the City of Toronto and sponsored by Scotiabank; and the ongoing programming provided by the **Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto**. Also honoured will be the city renewal accomplishments of the principals of **Cityscape Development Corporation** and the successes realized by both **Kitchener City Council** and **MintoUrban Communities Inc.**, in creating more livable urban spaces. The enhancements to the soul of our cities made by **Andy Barrie** of CBC radio and **Matthew Blackett** of Spacing Magazine will be celebrated, as well as the accomplishments of **Danielle Francis** and **Adam Garnet Jones**, the winners in the City Youth category.

Included in the "Local Heroes" category are winners from communities around Ontario – **Steve Charest**, Brantford community leader; Herb Carnegie, Future Aces visionary; Donald Cousens, former Mayor of Markham; **Pier Giorgio Di Cicco**, Toronto Poet Laureate; **Susan Pigott**, St. Christopher House; and Toronto Police **Constable Ojo Tewogbade**.

In all, the Canadian Urban Institute announced 18 awards in seven categories, including the Jane Jacobs Lifetime Achievement Award that will be presented to media and arts visionary Moses Znaimer.

The CUI Awards Luncheon will be held on June 14, 2007 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Winners were selected by a jury comprising CUI CEO David Crombie; urban affairs columnist Christopher Hume; Goodwill Industries VP Mitzie Hunter; lawyers Bohdan Onyschuk and Jane Pepino; social activist and physician Dr. Joseph Wong; and Leslie Woo, a director with the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.



## Canadian Urban Institute Urban Leadership Awards 2007 Award Recipients

**The Jane Jacobs Lifetime Achievement Award for 2007** is awarded to **Moses Znaimer**.

*For the individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to the public realm over many years and in more than one field, thereby gaining reputation and acclaim for their vision, passion and impact.*

**City Renewal – Derek Ballantyne**, Toronto Community Housing Corp.; **Cityscape Development Corp.**  
*Activities that renew revitalize and restore our cities through advocacy that shapes policy on major urban issues, thereby promoting attitudinal change, encouraging public participation and transforming our urban landscape for future generations.*

**City Soul – Andy Barrie**, CBC broadcaster; **Matthew Blackett**, Spacing Magazine; **Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto**  
*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.*

**City Livability – Kitchener City Council; MintoUrban Communities Inc.**  
*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.*

**City Initiatives – The Mentoring Partnership Program**, Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council and the Maytree Foundation; **Nuit Blanche**, City of Toronto and Scotiabank.  
*Innovative initiatives that should make a significant impact on the public realm.*

**City Youth – Danielle Francis**, youth program coordinator; **Adam Garnet Jones**, aboriginal filmmaker.  
*Outstanding contributions to any aspect of the public realm by individuals under the age of 30.*

### Local Heroes

*Individuals who have had a profound and lasting impact on the quality of life in their neighbourhood.*  
Award Recipients: **Steve Charest**, Brantford community leader; **Herb Carnegie**, Future Aces visionary; **Donald Cousens**, former Mayor of Markham; **Pier Giorgio Di Cicco**, Toronto Poet Laureate; **Susan Pigott**, St. Christopher House; and Toronto Police Constable **Ojo Tewogbade**.

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