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## David Crombie Announces Champions of the Public Realm

### Winners of the 2005 Urban Leadership Awards to be honoured at Canadian Urban Institute Awards Ceremony at Fairmont Royal York on May 24, 2005

June Callwood, David Pecaut, youth activist Kehinde Bah, Rahul Raj, the YMCA of Greater Toronto and the Greenbelt Task Force (Chair: Mayor Rob Maclsaac) are among the winners of the Urban Leadership Awards for 2005 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 the public realm," said Crombie. "Their activism inspires us to build better cities."

Included in the "Local Heroes" category are a number of winners from communities around Ontario - women's health educators Kimmy Hoang & Lisa Wang (Hamilton); culture and heritage activist John Gardiner (Wallaceburg); environmentalist Glynis Logue (Guelph); First Capital Challenge founder Brad Ross (Kingston).

In all, the Canadian Urban Institute announced 17 awards in seven categories, including the Jane Jacobs Lifetime Achievement Award that will be presented to long-time social activist June Callwood.

The CUI Awards Luncheon will be held on May 24, 2005 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, an executive with the Ontario Public Service.

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## Canadian Urban Institute Urban Leadership Awards 2005 Winners

**The Jane Jacobs Lifetime Achievement Award for 2005** is awarded to **June Callwood**.

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 Award - David Pecaut**

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 Award - YMCA 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 Award - The Carpenters' Local Union 27 Joint Apprenticeship & Training Trust Fund Inc., Eva's Initiative, Horizons Program, The Pathways to Education Program**

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 Award – The Greenbelt Task Force (Chair: Mayor Rob Maclsaac)**

Innovative initiatives, within the past three years, that should make a significant impact on the public realm.

### **City Youth Award - Kehinde Bah, Rahul Raj**

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: **Police diver Angus Armstrong; Métis Elder Vern Harper; women's health educators Kimmy Hoang & Lisa Wang (Hamilton); culture and heritage activist John Gardiner (Wallaceburg); anti-graffiti crusader Staff Sergeant Heinz Kuck; environmentalist Glynis Logue (Guelph); First Capital Challenge founder Brad Ross (Kingston)**