

Media Release



CUI Urban Leadership Series:

Unlocking Border Gridlock: Overcoming the Economic, Traffic and Security Impact of Cross-Border Delays

Moderated by **W. Michael Fenn**, Deputy Minister, Community Safety, Ont. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, and Director of CUI Board

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Toronto, July 19, 2004 – Clogged and inefficient borders cost the Ontario economy \$5.2 billion a year. Investors question the value of locating businesses in Southern Ontario as costs, and risks, of accessing US markets grow. Meanwhile, local efforts to address cross-border traffic take on regional, provincial and national importance. Come to the one session where leading government and private sector decision-makers address how to unlock border gridlock and ensure the smooth, safe and secure flow of goods and people to and from Ontario.

WHAT: The Canadian Urban Institute's Urban Leadership Series intend to explain the complex urban issues facing Canadian cities.

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Keynote: 8:35 am

The Hon. Harinder Takhar, Ontario Minister of Transportation

Panellists: **David Wake**, Project Co-ordinator, Detroit River International Crossing, Ontario Ministry of Transportation

Len Crispino, President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce

David Bradley, President, Ontario Trucking Association

Diane Gagner, Mayor, The Municipality of Chatham-Kent

WHEN: Friday, July 23, 2004

8:30 - 11:00 am

WHERE: Metropolitan Hotel

Mandarin Ballroom, 108 Chestnut St., Toronto

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