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## Notes and Comments/Notes et commentaires

### ***Urban History Review/Revue d'histoire urbaine* Prize**

The editors and members of the editorial advisory board are pleased to announce that the winner of the *Urban History Review/Revue d'histoire urbaine* Prize for the best article published in Volume XIV is Donald F. Davis, "The 'Metropolitan Thesis' and the Writing of Canadian Urban History," published in the October 1985 issue. Professor Davis, a member of the History Department at the University of Ottawa, will receive a two year subscription to the *Review*.

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### **International Urban Bibliography/ Bibliographie du monde urbain**

As part of the agreement in late 1985 with the American journal, *Urbanism Past and Present*, the *Urban History Review/Revue d'histoire urbaine* now publishes a bibliography of publications in international urban history in each June issue. This list is designed primarily for North American readers and includes mainly English and French language records.

Because of space limitation, it must be selective and concentrates on books and major articles. Bibliographic references for inclusion in the June 1987 list are welcome from readers of the *Urban History Review/Revue d'histoire urbaine*. They should be sent to the Bibliography Editor by January 31, 1987. They may be sent to the following address:

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16 Caribou Crescent  
Guelph, Ontario  
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### **CONFERENCES**

#### **International Year of Shelter for the Homeless Ottawa, September 13-16, 1987**

The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (IYSH) to focus attention and seek support for the issues of homelessness and shelter. The Canadian Association of Housing and Renewal Officials (CAHRO) and the International Council on Social Welfare Canada (ICSW) have joined together to sponsor a Canadian Conference in 1987 in recognition of IYSH.

The U.N. estimates that one-quarter of the world's population do not have adequate shelter. Canadians are represented among those with serious shelter problems with the evidence of chronic homelessness on the increase. IYSH is aimed at securing renewed political commitment and effective action to help the millions of poor all over the world to build and improve their shelter and, by so doing, make it possible to integrate them into the process of economic development.

The Canadian Conference to observe the U.N. International Year of Shelter for the Homeless will be aimed at exploring innovative co-operation between various housing sectors. Discovering the potential for community and consumer groups, governments and the private sector to collaborate in developing new strategies for addressing shelter needs will be the overall Conference theme.

The Conference will provide a forum for a wide range of Canadian and international participants to share information and experiences around the issues of homelessness and shelter. The proceedings will be organized to draw on resources and expertise from across Canada and around the world to formulate new solutions for addressing homelessness in Canada and to determine appropriate Canadian support for shelter initiatives in developing countries.

The sponsors of the 1987 Canadian Conference are committed to developing a program that represents the widest range of expertise and interest in the area of homelessness and shelter. They invite proposals for presentations from those working directly with homeless persons, planners, shelter and housing specialists, academics, community leaders, developers and other interested parties. The Conference format will offer a number of presentation possibilities including plenaries and formal and informal sessions. Proposals for organizing a panel or discussions group, presenting a paper or a demonstration project are encouraged. Participants are asked to address the following areas of concentration: 1. Homelessness and General Well-Being; 2. The Economics of Sheltering Homeless People; 3. The Environment of Homelessness; 4. Rights and Responsibilities; 5. The Political Climate of Homelessness; and 6. Innovation and Success in Sheltering the Homeless.

For further information on the conference, contact:

IYSH Conference  
Box 1987  
Station C  
Ottawa, Canada  
K1Y 4G1 CANADA

## CANADIAN URBAN AND HOUSING STUDIES CONFERENCE

University of Winnipeg

February 1988

### *Information Bulletin #1 and Call For Papers*

This conference has two major objectives. First, it will be an opportunity for Canadian urban and housing specialists to communicate their research results and to receive critical analysis of their work. Second, the conference is intended to promote interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives on urban and housing topics.

Papers and/or suggestions for sessions are invited from scholars, researchers and practitioners in all disciplines and fields, including those working for governments, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. The themes to be addressed include:

#### **ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

- Community Economic Development
- entrepreneurship and urban growth
- public/private sector partnerships
- development and employment strategies
- special area development
- integrating urban development with regional/provincial strategies
- financial institutions and urban development

#### **HOUSING**

- housing the homeless
- housing special user groups
- the housing market impacts of residential rehabilitation/renovation
- perspectives on municipal, provincial, non-profit, and co-operative housing
- CMHC: past, present, future
- housing requirements in small centres, rural, northern and remote areas
- the rental and ownership markets: issues and perspectives
- the housing industry: past present, future

#### **MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FINANCES**

- intergovernmental relations: past, present, future
- trends in metropolitan/regional government development
- issues in urban service delivery and infrastructure development/maintenance replacement
- the Charter of Rights and municipal government
- municipal responses for financial restraint/austerity
- government — citizen relationships

#### **URBAN DESIGN AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

- urban conservation and heritage
- downtown redevelopment
- strategies for urban design controls
- planning "winter cities"
- preserving/utilizing natural resources in the urban environment
- suburban redevelopment: the challenge of the 1990s?

#### **SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND ACTION**

- urban poverty: causes, structure, solutions
- neighbourhood/community action
- kinship and community in the urban system
- entrance to the urban system: ethnic, class, gender considerations

The *Canadian Urban and Housing Studies Conference* will be held at Manitoba's "city university" — The University of Winnipeg — in mid-February, 1988.

Please submit suggestions for papers and/or sessions to the Institute of Urban Studies. *The deadline for proposals is 1 April 1987.* Proposals should be accompanied by a short c.v. and a precis of the proposed paper(s).

For further information, contact:

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**Symposium on Boom & Bust Cycles in Communities  
of the Canadian and American West**

A symposium on the "Boom and Bust Cycles in Communities of the Canadian and American West" will be held at the University of Victoria, May 19-24, 1987. The symposium will seek joint American and Canadian papers which will analyze historic and contemporary patterns in the formation and continuation of isolated communities in western North America. Sponsors for the symposium are the Department of History, University of Victoria; the American Culture Program, Bowling Green State University; and the Centre for Canadian and Canadian/American Studies, Western Washington University.

For further information contact:

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**New Directions in Canadian Urban Policy  
November 1986, Toronto, Canada**

The October Partnership, a new independent consulting firm in Winnipeg, has organized a one day seminar on "New Directions in Canadian Urban Policy" in Toronto, November 26, 1986.

Sessions will focus on the following: Policy Context—emerging trend shaping urban development in Canada including an increased reliance on complex, intergovernmental arrangements and on public-private sector partnerships; The Challenge for Government — the changing role of government in Canadian urban development; and, The Private Sector — new trends in financing, planning and implementing large-scale urban projects in Canada and the United States.

Speakers at the conference include: Mr. Andre Saumier, President, The Montreal Exchange, and former Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of State for Urban Affairs; Mr. Ray Spaxman, Chief Planner, City of Vancouver; Mr. Howard Cohen, General Manager, Harbourfront Corporation; Mr. Jim Bullock, President, Cadillac-Fairview Shopping Centres; Dr. Matthew Kiernan, The October Partnership, formerly Assistant General Manager of the Winnipeg Core Area Initiative; and Mr. Michael Decter, The October Partnership, formerly Cabinet Secretary and Deputy Minister to Premier of Manitoba.

Conference registration is \$245.00. For more information, contact:

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404 – 115 Bannatyne Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
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**PUBLICATIONS**

**Industry in Ontario Urban Centres, 1870**

The first research report has been published on a project, based in the Department of Geography, at the University of Guelph, to make the 1871 manuscript census of industrial establishments machine-readable: Elizabeth Bloomfield, Gerald Bloomfield, Janine Grant, with Peter McCaskell, *Industry in Ontario Urban Centres, 1870: Accessing the Manuscript Census* (Guelph: Department of Geography, University of Guelph, 1986).

The 60 page report also constitutes a guide for potential users of the project's databank. It describes the unique characteristics of the unpublished 1871 manuscript census schedules for industrial establishments and explains the procedures used to make the manuscript census machine-readable. The research potential is also discussed — for economic, business, urban and social historians, for historical geographers, industrial archaeologists and historians of technology and material culture. There are five maps and diagrams and 20 tables illustrating the project procedures and potential applications of the databank.

The report is available at \$7.00 each (prepaid) from Publications, Department of Geography, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W1.

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**RESEARCH AND WORKING PAPERS**

Deborah Lyon and Lynda H. Newman, *The Neighbourhood Improvement Program, 1973-1983: A National Review of an Intergovernmental Initiative* (1986), 95 pp., \$12.00. Research and Working Paper No. 15.

Implemented in the early 1970s, the Neighbourhood Improvement Program (NIP) marked a new direction for

federal housing and urban policies. NIP was introduced in the context of several initiatives designed to assert a federal presence in urban affairs. At the same time, it was a tri-level program which depended on financial contributions from provincial and municipal governments. This paper consists of a review of NIP, including an outline of the context in which the program was developed, its basic features, the implementation experience, and the evaluations of the program's impact and effectiveness.

David P. Amborski, *The Expenditure Budget Process in Canadian Municipalities: A Comparison* (1986), 34 pp., \$7.00. Research and Working Paper No. 18.

This paper is a summary of the preliminary findings of a study of the expenditure budgeting process in selected municipalities across Canada. The paper was presented at the Canadian Urban Studies Conference August 1985.

Leslie, Bella, *Planning in the Tourist Towns of Canada's National Parks* (1986), 30 pp., illustrations, \$8.00. Research and Working Paper 20.

This paper, presented at the Canadian Urban Studies Conference, August 1985, describes the extensive powers given to federal government bureaucrats and planners for planning tourist towns in Canada's national parks.

Fred W. H. Dawes, *Human Settlements Development: The Third World's Impact on Canada* (1986), 35 pp., \$7.00. Research and Working Paper No. 21.

In the Third World where urban populations are expected to increase by over 1 billion by the year 2000, governments

are starting to meet the needs of the poor by providing security of land tenure, and by promoting programs based upon the utilization of self-help, local building materials and affordable standards. In this paper presented at the Canadian Urban Studies Conference, August 1985, Fred Dawes suggests that provincial governments should consider the application of similar criteria to meet the housing needs of the poor in Canada.

#### OCCASIONAL PAPERS

Lynda H. Newman, *Municipal Non-Profit Housing: Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation* (1986), 21 pp., \$6.00. Occasional Paper 13.

The Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation (WHRC) was first established by City Council in 1977 to acquire and rehabilitate older buildings to provide housing on a sale, rental and/or lease-purchase basis to city residents. This paper is the result of an evaluation of WHRC conducted by IUS.

Gordon Fulton, *Main Street Canada: Urban Conservation in Small Town Downtown* (1986), 20 pp., illustrations, \$5.00. Occasional Paper 15.

In this paper presented at the Canadian Urban Studies Conference, Gordon Fulton discusses the "main street" approach to revitalization and preservation of Canadian towns and cities. This approach has demonstrated that it is both possible and desirable to wed economic health with heritage preservation.

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