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# Notes and Comments/Notes et commentaires

## Winter Cities Student Competition

Winter is our most misunderstood season. This competition wishes to solicit positive ideas and sensitive solutions which will guide more responsible decisions regarding the design, management and use of public and private spaces in urban areas. Both papers and design solutions are encouraged. They may be analytic synoptic, existing or hypothetical. There are four prizes for the competition, including a first prize of \$1,000.00 and a second prize of \$500.00.

**Eligibility:** Full and part-time students enrolled in Master and Doctoral level studies in Canadian universities and colleges; and fourth and fifth year students in professional undergraduate programs of architecture, landscape architecture and urban/regional planning.

**Format:** Submissions are encouraged in the form of papers, designs or an integration of the two. Teams and interdisciplinary groups are encouraged to a maximum of five persons.

**Evaluation:** Essays and designs will be judged according to the following criteria: 1) clear statement of the problems or issues; 2) innovative ideas; 3) identifications of limitations and constraints regarding implementation of the solutions suggested; and 4) good use of language and/or graphics.

**Conditions:** All decisions of the adjudicating committee are final. Previously published material will not be accepted. The Livable Winter City Association will publish the winning entries.

**Deadline:** All entries should be received no later than 30 April 1988 and should be sent to: Livable Winter City Association, c/o Programme in Landscape Architecture, University of Toronto, 230 College Street, Toronto ON M5S 1A1.

For more information, contact Prof. Norman Pressman, School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Waterloo, Waterloo ON N2L 3G1; or Prof. Leo Zrudlo, Directeur, Université de Laval, École d'architecture, Cité Universitaire, Québec (PQ) G1K 7P4; or Prof. Ed Fife, Programme in Landscape Architecture, University of Toronto, 230 College Street, Toronto ON M5S 1A1.

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## CONFERENCES

### Winter Cities Showcase '88

From 15-19 February 1988, Edmonton, Alberta will welcome the world's northern citizens to **Winter Cities Showcase '88** — a major event to addressing "The Business of Win-

ter." Approximately 600 million people live around the "winter world" and although their customs, lifestyles and approaches to municipal administration are varied, they share a common bond in winter. In order to build effective winter cities, there needs to be communication between the various centres concerning what works and what does not. In fact the ideal winter city may already exist, scattered in bits and pieces through 485 cities in over 30 northern nations. Winter Cities Showcase '88 will be the opportunity for political leaders, public and private sector decision makers, academics, researchers and a host of other professionals to examine the economic impact of winter, to discuss cold climate challenges, to share wisdom and experiences, and to develop new ways of capitalizing upon "The Business of Winter."

Showcase '88 will have three major elements. **Forum '88** is an international conference of business and civic leaders focussing on "The Business of Winter." To give direct business relevance, five major topics have been selected and designed to provide a focus on the economic opportunities in clothing, recreation, urban infrastructure and buildings, transportation and leadership. **Exposition '88** is a trade show dedicated to winter products and technology. **The Third Winter Cities Conference of Founding Mayors** will be held immediately before Forum '88 and will have the participation of mayors from 20 northern cities in Europe, the Soviet Union, Japan, China and North America.

For more information, contact:

Jocelyn Fraser  
Winter Cities Corporation  
P.O. Box 1988  
Edmonton, Alberta R5J 4A9  
Tel: (403) 428-1988

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### Ontario Planners' Conference

The Ontario Planners' is being held 28-30 October at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto. The conference theme is "The Adapting Community." According to the conference organizers, the role of planners continues to expand. Today's diversity of planning activities is a positive response to the social and economic forces bringing change to our communities. The ability of a community to successfully adapt to influences on the provincial, national and international scenes will require planners to continue to anticipate and prepare for change.

The agenda for OPC '87 has been designed to provide sound information and advice on how to be an effective

member of the community development team. The plenary sessions and workshops will focus on topics including:

- the agricultural economy and the impacts of international trends on the community.
- demographics and the community — the baby boom in mid-life.
- program evaluation and organizational change.

The registration fee is \$170.00. For registration information, contact:

Elizabeth Lea  
Community Planning Advisory Branch  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs  
777 Bay Street, 14th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

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**The Urban Policy Agenda:  
Call for Participation**

The 1988 Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association will be held at Marriott's Pavilion Hotel in St. Louis Missouri, 9-12th March. The theme of the conference will be "The Urban Policy Agenda." The conference organizers encourage panel or round table proposals and papers on areas related to the conference theme, including the following: income distribution/disparities; housing and the homeless; ethnic groups and minorities; education/urban universities; health/substance abuse; economic development; urban infrastructure; environmental quality; governance; sports and recreation; and, comparative perspectives.

Proposals and papers should be forwarded to the following address prior to 1 October 1987;

Professor Robert K. Whelan  
School of Urban and Regional Studies  
University of New Orleans  
Lakefront  
New Orleans, LA 70148 USA

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**Great Lakes/Winter City Urban Development:  
Call for Papers**

A conference on Great Lakes/Winter City Urban Development is being planned for November 1988 in Cleveland, Ohio. The event is being organized by the University of Akron, with the anticipated co-operation of the Centre for the Great Lakes (Toronto, Chicago) and the Ohio Urban University Program.

The themes of the conference are "Preparing for Winter (climate)" and "Preparing for Spring (economic rebirth)." The conference will bring together urban scholars, planners, community officials, tourism and recreation specialists, and developers from around the Great Lake system of cities which extend from Minneapolis to Quebec City. The cities of this sprawling region share a common urban industrial culture dating back to the 19th century when Cleveland was the centre of the Industrial Revolution in North America.

Abstracts or paper proposals should be sent to:

Gary Gappert, Director  
Institute for Futures Studies and Research  
The University of Akron  
Akron, Ohio 44325 USA

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**PUBLICATIONS**

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University of Winnipeg  
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*FORTHCOMING "NORTHERN HOUSING CONFERENCE"  
PUBLICATIONS*

Tom Carter, ed., *Northern Housing: Needs, Policies and Programs* (1987), 90 pp., tables, graphs, charts, \$10.00. Winter Communities Series No. 3.

In May, 1987, the Institute of Urban Studies organized a conference entitled **Northern Housing: Policy, Design and Delivery** as part of a series of seminars on housing issues. Seminar sessions focused on housing needs in northern communities; government policy; program requirements; housing and community relationships; technical and design problems; and other important housing issues. Northern housing confronts a complex set of housing and housing related issues, including: transportation, timing, economics, design, etc.

This report is the first in a series of published papers from the conference. As well as a lengthy introduction by Tom Carter, Assistant Director of the Institute of Urban Studies, the volume includes six papers: "Factors Contributing to Core Housing Need," by David Hedman, Yukon Housing Corporation; "Modern Housing in the Canadian North: Social Necessity and Economic Mismatch," by Robert Bone, University of Saskatchewan; "Social Housing in Non-Market Communities," by Hal Logsdon, N.W.T. Housing Corporation; "Housing Delivery," by Lynn Hannley, Communitas Inc.; "The Rural and Native Housing Program in Northern and Remote Communities," by Peter Anderson, CMHC; and "Policies and Programs," by Ken Cassin, Manitoba Department of Housing.

Robert Robson, ed., *Northern Housing: Perspectives on Design and Construction* (1987), 30 pp., graphs, \$7.00. Winter Communities Series No. 4.

This report is the second of a series of published papers from the conference. The four papers in this volume all address the issue of building housing geared to the needs of the occupant; the central theme in each case is building for people. The papers included in the volume are: "Remote Housing and the Need for Monitoring" by Nils Larsson (Architect/Consultant); "Housing Design and Construction in the North West Territories" by R.S. Bushell (Manager, Design and Development, NWT Housing Corporation); "Patterns and Building Blocks" by Glen Wither (Architect, CMHC); and "Northern Housing Design and Construction" by David McCann (Treeline Planning Services Limited).

Robert Robson, ed., *Housing in the Resource Sector* (1987), 50 pp., tables, graphs, \$9.00. Winter Communities Series No. 5.

This report is the third of a series of published from the **Northern Housing Conference** organized by the Institute of Urban Studies in May 1987. Canada's resource towns are a major feature of the Canadian settlement experience. Just as the resource community has undergone a series of dramatic changes since the nineteenth century — from helter-skelter settlement to contemporary town — so have the facilities within the resource town. And one of the most significant changes has been the area of housing. Dennis Young (Executive Director and President, Canadian Association of Single Industry Towns), in his paper "Housing: One Symptom of Economic Policies Which Failed," tackles the problem of an overall northern development strategy. Richard Roberts (President, Praxis) focusses on the issue of housing, and articulates the role of local residents in the provision of housing, in his paper "Canadian Resource Communities: The Residents' Perspective in the 1980s."

#### REPORTS

Alan F.J. Artibise and Wendelin A. Fraser, comp. *New Directions for Urban Universities: International Perspectives — Selected Presentations and Remarks from the Second International Urban Universities Conference* (1987), 329 pp., tables, graphs, charts, \$20.00. Report No. 18.

The **International Urban Universities Conference** was attended by over 150 university presidents, chancellors, and senior administrators from Canada and the United States. The conference speakers addressed a variety of issues including: faculty responsibilities and involvement in public/professional service; serving urban students; inter-institutional collaboration; the role of the urban university in economic development; meeting the learning needs of urban residents; and innovative roles for urban universities.

All thirty papers presented at the conference are included in this 329 page report. The three important plenary session papers are also published: 1) "The University: An Extramural Perception" by Robert P. Purves, Inter-Ocean Grain Company Limited, Winnipeg; 2) "City-University Interaction: A Politician's View" by Mayor Donald Fraser, City of Minneapolis; and 3) "The Relationship Between Industry and Academe" by Vice Chancellor John M. Ashworth, University of Salford, England.

George Rich, *Local Government Reform in Winnipeg, 1945-1977: A Sympathetic View* (1987), 125 pp., tables, maps, \$12.00. Report No. 19.

This report is an account of changes in local government in metropolitan Winnipeg over the last 35 years. Winnipeg is unique among the metropolitan areas in Canada as it has undergone two major and distinctly different reforms: Metro Winnipeg in 1960 and Unicity Winnipeg in 1971. The story of reform begins immediately following World War II — a period of change and uncertainty. In response to this concern the Provincial government, in particular, began to consider ways and means for stimulating the economy. It was in these considerations that the idea of local government reform had its genesis.

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#### No Place Like Home

The Edmonton Coalition on Homelessness has published their final report entitled *No Place Like Home*. Copies of this report are available at a cost of \$10.00 per report plus \$2.50 for shipping and handling. Inquiries should be directed to:

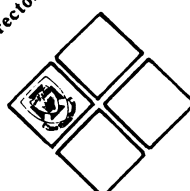
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