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Urban Leadership Awards

The Urban Leadership Awards (ULA) Program honours individuals, groups and organizations that have made significant contributions to improving the quality of life in Canada's cities and urban regions.

The awards program is also a fundraiser for the Institute in support of our internship program, dedicated to providing undergraduate scholars with practical work experience.

The 7th Annual Urban Leadership Awards Ceremony will take place on:

Thursday, June 3, 2010 in Toronto, Ontario.
Cocktail Reception: 5:15pm - 6:20pm

Award Ceremony: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: Liberty Grand, Renaissance Room - Exhibition Place.

[PRESS RELEASE: Announcing the 2010 winner of the David Crombie award](#)

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ULA recipients define the very nature of "leadership" and can be organizations, groups or individuals who demonstrate a calling and a vision, tenacity, creativity, energy and drive. These characteristics combined with the ability to engage others, are what distinguish ULA recipients from the mainstream.

To choose the recipients, a jury is convened, comprised of distinguished Canadians from coast to coast.

The members of this year's jury are:

David Crombie P.C., O.C. (Jury Chair) , is a former Mayor of Toronto and federal cabinet minister, and is also a past president and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute. David headed the joint Royal Commission on the future of the Toronto Waterfront and was founding chair of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust. The recipient of many awards, he is currently chair of the Toronto Lands Corporation. David was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2004.

Rupen Seoni is Vice President and Practice Leader at Environics Analytics, and a member of the Board of the Canadian Urban Institute. As a consultant, Rupen has helped not-for-profits such as Pride Toronto and First Night measure the economic impact and marketing opportunity of community festivals. Trained as an urban planner at the University of Toronto, Rupen also serves on the Board of Community One Foundation.

Anne Sado is President of George Brown College. She is a professional engineer who previously held senior posts with Bell Canada. She is active on a number of boards, and is a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for her ongoing work on the board of the YWCA of Greater Toronto. She has also received the Professional Engineers Ontario citizenship award and an Arbor Award from the University of Toronto.

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Dr. Catherine Chandler-Crichlow is the Executive Director of the Centre of Excellence for Financial Services Education of the Toronto Financial Services Alliance (TFSA). She has worked for major organizations in Canada and internationally, and has over 30 years talent development experience specializing in the areas of executive and leadership development; curriculum development and implementation; technology-mediated distance learning and program evaluation.

Will Straw is a professor of Communications in the Department of Art History and Communications Studies at McGill University in Montreal, focusing on media and cities. In addition to having been Acting Director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada between 2007 and 2008, Will is leading research projects on "Media and Urban Life in Montreal" and an international comparison of popular crime-oriented periodicals. He is a prolific author and a regular commentator on media and cultural issues for newspapers, radio and television.

Claudette Toupin is an Assistant Deputy Minister with the Department of Local Government Affairs in Manitoba. Trained in both social work and city planning, she has been responsible for a variety of key initiatives in the province, including a role as Director of Official Languages; Executive Director of Education and Training for the benefit of Employment Insured clients, persons on social assistance and low-income families; and ADM for Community Planning and Development.

John Kim Bell is a returning member of the ULA jury. He was the first person of Aboriginal heritage to become a symphony conductor. Today, he is an energy executive leading the Aboriginal Affairs effort for Brookfield Renewable Power. John Kim founded the Canadian Native Arts Foundation, the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, which he built into Canada's largest Aboriginal charity, and the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards. As an energy advocate for First Nations, he lobbied Ontario to establish the First Nations Loan Guaranty Program to enable First Nations to acquire equity participation in renewable energy projects.

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