

A Message from the Institute of Urban Studies

For more than 30 years, the Institute of Urban Studies at the University of Winnipeg (IUS) has been active in a wide range of social science research in the urban environment. Along the way, we have forged many partnerships. Between 1989 and 1991 one of the most important of these partnerships was with the Canadian Institute of Planners, when IUS edited and produced *Plan Canada*. Now, IUS is collaborating with CIP on a joint publication: our scholarly and peer-reviewed publication *The Canadian Journal of Urban Research* has joined with CIP to create this joint effort. The result is a solid collection of scholarly Canadian urban research.

The present, special issue of *CJUR* also heralds a new direction for the journal. It is anticipated that this first collaborative effort will forge the way for more exciting collections of Canadian urban research. For its part, *CJUR* has been able to provide its resources, cultured after more than twelve years of publishing, and the expertise necessary to produce a scholarly publication.

It is my pleasure to present, to the valued subscribers of *CJUR* and *Plan Canada*, our first joint publication. I hope that it informs, provokes and creates an environment for learning more about our cities.

On behalf of the Institute of Urban Studies and the University of Winnipeg, we are proud to be a part of this work.

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