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## *Appointment of Glen Murray to President and CEO of Canadian Urban Institute*

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The Board of Directors of the Canadian Urban Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of Glen Murray to the position of President and CEO of the CUI effective January 2, 2008. "Glen Murray and the CUI share a strong commitment to making our urban regions great places to live, work and play," stated Bob Onyschuk, Chair of the Board of Directors, "and we are excited to work with such a dynamic leader."

Glen Murray is well known for his vision and efforts to build diverse and dynamic urban centres. He was a former mayor of the City of Winnipeg and was the first Chair of the Big City Caucus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. While in that role, he led the campaign for new fiscal arrangements for municipalities – the New Deal for Cities. He has been active in the green municipal environmental movement and currently chairs the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy. Glen held the position of Research Associate for the Centre for Urban and Community Studies and was a Visiting Scholar & Urban Policy Coordinator at the University of Toronto. He is active on several community boards and advisory bodies. Glen comes to the CUI from AuthentiCity, the urban policy practice of Navigator Ltd., and will continue, for a period of time, as a senior advisor to the firm on urban policy matters.

"We are at a turning point in human history", reflects Glen Murray. "For the first time the majority of the world's population live in cities. Issues affecting the capacity, design, sustainability and functioning of urban areas are more important than ever. How cities work will either enable or undermine humanity's ability to meet the unprecedented environmental, economic, governance and cultural challenges that require us to rethink the fundamentals of the way we make our home on this planet. The CUI is central to Canada's capacity for innovation and to realizing the opportunities of this new age."

"The CUI brings together partners from the non-profit, public and private sectors to address issues of the urban realm. Glen will build on this and will strengthen our influence and impact as the pre-eminent urban think tank in Canada," said Bob Onyschuk.

"I look forward to working with the talented team of professionals at CUI and I am honoured to build on the extraordinary legacy of David Crombie and the blue ribbon Board of Directors," commented Glen Murray.

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