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## **New Research on Urban Quality of Life in Canada**

WINNIPEG — Canada's changing economy and increasingly mobile population have made the quality of urban life more important than ever before.

The quality of life in a city depends on more than just economic prosperity. Other factors such as safety, services, environmental cleanliness, and the availability of parks and recreational areas have an important impact on how people feel about the place in which they live.

What factors are most important to people? How do these factors vary by city, or by neighbourhood? To what degree does "quality of place" attract highly skilled employees so crucial in the new, hi-tech economy?

**A collection of research papers on Urban Quality of Life has been brought together** by Professors Jim Randall and Allison Williams of the University of Saskatchewan to address these and other questions. Published in the *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*, the articles contribute to our understanding of what makes a community a good place to live. In addition to Williams and Randall, the collection includes contributions from quality of life researchers in Alberta, Ontario, and New York, and spans quality of life issues across North America.

Not only do these papers tell us much more about how we as individuals view our own quality of life and the neighbourhoods we live in, but they also tell us more about the growing gap between the rich and poor in Canada. Finally, the papers give us a clearer picture of how government and community groups are using indicators that measure quality of life and sustainability.

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