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CIVIL CANADA:

Among the best places in the world to live

element: An unsurpassed lifestyle that keeps getting better

message: Canadian Cities Are Safe and Convenient to Live in

Canada has some of the toughest gun control laws in the world

The National Strategy of Community Safety & Crime Prevention disposes of \$32 million annually to encourage communities to develop innovative, grass roots crime prevention programs and partnerships

Anti-smuggling initiatives have led to 17,000 smuggling related charges, totalling \$113 million

The core of Canadian cities remain healthy as young people are moving from their parent's homes in the suburbs to downtown areas

Immigrants, as a group, are younger, and they also tend to live in downtown cores for their affordability, employment opportunities, and accessibility

Ageing boomers are also leaving the suburbs for a more urban lifestyle, such as condo living

The 2000 William M. Mercer Quality of Life Survey, based on social stability, excellent infrastructure, and leisure facilities, ranked the following Canadian cities;

- #1 Vancouver
- #5 Toronto
- #7 Montreal
- #9 Calgary

message: Balanced and Healthy Lives, That's What We Are Striving For

In February 2001, the federal government invested \$120.2 million in new measures to accelerate action on clean air (fuel emissions, industry smog, acid rain)

The high tech. Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS) is being installed on major roads/highways with sensors that can read and report atmospheric conditions

Canada is taking a proactive approach to road safety, forecasting, and accident prevention

Many Canadian employers are implementing work/life balance programs, which are proven to reduce stress, increase stimulation, and enhance recognition of job completion

Tele-commuting reduces pollution, saves money on gas and parking