

Need of Community Planning

More and more municipal governments have turned their attention to programmes of civic improvement establishing new departments to direct these activities and employing town planning specialists. The object has been to help solve the problems consequent on the rapid growth of cities into the suburbs and, at the same time, to re-investigate the centres of the cities and rescue them from the effects of decay.

At present, there is a marked shortage of trained personnel in the town-planning field. To help alleviate this situation, the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has a continuing programme of scholarships and bursaries open to university students and graduates specializing in town planning and urban problems.

To stimulate good housing design and to encourage further research on urban planning, the CMHC supports the Community Planning Association of Canada, the Canadian Housing Design Council and the Canadian Urban League. These three groups, the focal point for the exchange of ideas, are carried on in Canada.

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