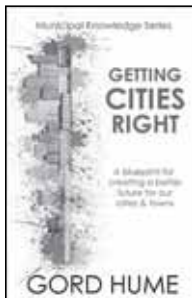


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**Getting Cities Right**

Gord Hume knows about cities. The former London city councillor for has spent much of his professional career engaged with municipal issues of both the theoretical and practical variety. Hume brings his knowledge to bear in his latest book - *Getting Cities Right* – which takes an expansive look at the issues and opportunities faced by municipal leaders in the 21st century. Chapter by chapter, the author makes his case, to wit, that “the continued evolution and success or failure of our cities is going to be the most significant political, cultural, social, environmental and economic trend of the foreseeable future”. Consequently, he reasons, it’s of paramount importance that leaders and citizens stay informed of challenges pressing cities in areas like demography, infrastructure modernization and maintenance, political representation, and economic policy. *Getting Cities Right* addresses these topics in-depth, offering readers a wealth of information gleaned from research, experience, and consultation with a panel of mayors from cities located in different parts of the world. The result is a lucidly written document about proper stewardship of cities in the 21st century, and how it is achieved. (Be sure to check out the interview with Gord in the news section of this month’s SCENE. – ed.)



- Chris Morgan

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