



Canadian Index of Wellbeing

[Toronto, June 10, 2009] The Honourable Roy J. Romanow will unveil the *Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW)*, a new and better way of measuring Canadian quality of life. The CIW looks beyond economic measures such as the GDP to measure and report on eight interconnected areas of Canadian wellbeing: our standard of living, our health, the vitality of our communities, our education, the way we use our time, our participation in the democratic process, the state of our arts, culture and recreation, and the quality of our environment.

Until now Canada lacked a single, national instrument for tracking and reporting on our overall quality of life and the things that matter to Canadians. The CIW will answer the question: how are we **really** doing?

On June 10th, the first CIW report on Living Standards, Healthy Populations and Community Vitality and the interconnections among these areas will be released.

Mr. Romanow will also announce the creation of an independent and non-partisan *Institute of Wellbeing*, affiliated with the University of Waterloo. The Institute's work is guided by an advisory board of accomplished Canadian and international experts.

The development of the Institute's pan-Canadian network has been made possible through the assistance and support of the Community Foundations of Canada and the United Way/Centraide Canada.

For more information please visit our new website which will be live on June 10th @ www.ciw.ca