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Editors' Note

2013 is an uncertain time to be working in the public policy field. Governments are struggling with record-high deficits, international tensions are mounting, and countries continue to grapple with the fallout from the 2008 global recession. Policy practitioners are told that we must adapt to austerity measures and learn how to do more with less.

It is with great pride, then, that we present Volume Five Issue One of the Public Policy and Governance Review. This issue features students and professionals bravely tackling the current challenges facing policymakers, and providing insightful analysis and recommendations for moving forward.

The Issue discusses the powers of regulation, approaches to disease and nutrition, and the future of municipal governance. It contains an examination of Ontario's mining industry, as well as an inside look at the International Atomic Energy Agency meeting in Vienna. The Issue concludes with a case study of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, where poverty and empowerment are addressed in the context of recycling and green cities.

This Issue would not have been possible without the guidance and commitment of all the previous PPGR Editors. We would also like to extend our gratitude to our current Editorial Board, who have leant their time and efforts to the production of this Issue. In addition to the talented writers represented in these pages, we would like to recognize our online contributors who have helped to make the PPGR blog (ppgreview.ca) the premier online hub for quality policy analysis and insight. We hope you enjoy the Fall 2013 Issue of the Public Policy and Governance Review, and welcome your thoughts and feedback.

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