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The Weekend Q&A: What are you reading these days?



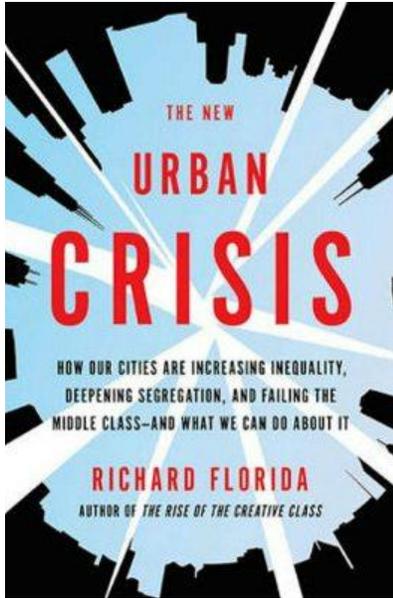
Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi, Conservative MP Ben Lobb, and Liberal MP Ken McDonald updated us on what they have been reading these days. *The Hill Times* photograph by Shruti Shekar

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PARLIAMENT HILL- For many, the holiday season evokes memories of glowing fireplaces, hot cups of cocoa, delicate snowfalls, and of course, getting cozy with a good book.

So in the spirit of the winter reading season, *The Hill Times* trotted down to the Hill to ask Parliamentarians what books they were plowing through, some of which may appear in our upcoming books special Dec. 18.



When asked, Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi (Edmonton Mill Woods, Alta.) said he was reading Richard Florida’s latest book titled *The New Urban Crisis*, an unsurprising read given the scope of Mr. Sohi’s portfolio.

“It’s quite thought-provoking,” he said during a brief chat Dec. 7 on the Hill.

Mr. Sohi explained that the book is about the poverty and inequality that exists in many urban centres because of a lack of affordable housing.

“While urbanization has reaped a lot of benefits for residents and it’s a pillar of economic growth and success and there’s a lot of innovation happening, at the same time there’s a growing inequality within urban centres,” the minister said.