 **Zoom in Case Study:**

***Canada’s Best City***

**High Ranking**

* While Ottawa’s winters can be very cold and snowy compared to those in some other Canadian cities, it is considered a wonderful place to live;
* The city did not score at the top of any single measure, but it did rank in the top third in almost all categories.

**Population**

* More than a million people live in the National Capital Region, which includes Gatineau, located across the river in Quebec;
* As Canada’s fourth-largest metropolitan area, Ottawa-Gatineau offers many attractions;
* A professional hockey team, museums and art galleries, and fine restaurants and shopping give it a “big-city” flavour.

**Conclusion**

* Urban planners work to include parks, walking paths, and transportation links;
* The National Capital Commission (NCC) was set up in 1959 to build the region into a source of pride and unity for Canadians;
* It preserves green space within the city;
* The historic Rideau Canal curves through Ottawa, offering pleasant walks and summer canoeing;
* When it freezes over in the winter, people can even skate to work on it.