

CROSS-COUNTRY REVIEW AND PANEL BRITISH COLUMBIA UPDATE

*BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT: PAST SUCCESSES, FUTURE PLANS
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B.C. BROWNFIELDS UPDATE

- A provincial strategy for brownfield redevelopment was initially launched in 2007.
- *BC Brownfield Renewal* – which included actions to review/streamline the remediation regulatory framework, a modest funding component, and educational and capacity building initiatives – is now led by the BC Ministry of Environment; a review of accomplishments and learnings is currently underway and will inform the province's ongoing role as a supporter and facilitator of brownfield redevelopment in BC.

B.C. BROWNFIELDS UPDATE (CONT'D)

- Key learnings from the province's brownfield work from 2007 to 2014 include:
 - all-important role of local government and communities, as champions of brownfield redevelopment; and
 - need for collaboration and partnerships amongst the entire stakeholder group at brownfield sites.
- The province's regulatory framework for site remediation can both support and, at times, hinder brownfield redevelopment. For example...
 - standards-based remediation regime (generic/site-specific approaches; Ministry certification) increases certainty; and
 - conversely, the existing remediation liability regime is sometimes viewed as too conservative and unable to provide the desired liability closure.

B.C. BROWNFIELDS UPDATE (CONT'D)

- A unique opportunity presently exists to leverage the knowledge and experience gained by *BC Brownfield Renewal* since 2007 to build...
 - ... stronger and more direct connections within the provincial government where there is growing recognition that brownfield redevelopment is a shared interest (e.g., Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training; Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure); and
 - ... upon established national connections with groups such as the Canadian Brownfields Network, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Canadian Fuels Association, Intergovernmental Forum on Brownfields, etc.
- So, what should BC Brownfield Renewal “2.0” look like?

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