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Brownfields Redevelopment

## December 2015 Newsletter

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### Welcome

Hello Everyone,

Holiday Greetings from the Communications Committee!



Just in time for the holiday season this CBN Newsletter is evidence of our newly slated communication committee coming together, made up of Berend Jan Velderman (Golder), Isael Poirier (Chemco), Guillaume Couillard (FCM), Eric Pringle (Milestone), Cecile Willert (Pinchin) and David Petrie (Association Concepts). The communication committee is passionate about embracing what CBN stands for. We plan to have a newsletter issued at a minimum on a quarterly frequency to share the exciting things that are happening in this space of the market.

In this issue we brought back the sharing of what is happening in our CBN community and committees. Industry News is a place for sharing key information in this market place – we need your contributions. In this issue we highlight the key value of CBN and remind you that we prosper with your support of membership and participation. I look forward to a healthy and good 2016 for all of us and hope you enjoy this issue and all its links.

Thank you,  
**Berend Jan Velderman** - Chairperson, CBN Communications & Membership Committee

## Upcoming Events

### CBN Events

#### CBN Conference 2016

CBN will be returning with the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of its popular Conference in June 2016. Location and exact date are yet to be confirmed, but it will be held in the middle of the month, so be sure to save space in your 2016 calendar for this event. We will feature our popular Cross-Country Panel along with information on matters of concern to everyone involved in brownfield redevelopment. Keep watching this newsletter and our *Members Updates* for further information on this premier event for brownfielders in Canada.

### CBN Partner Events

#### Sustainable Communities Conference (February 9-11, 2016)



CBN's partner the Federation of Canadian Municipalities/Green Municipal Fund is again presenting its annual Sustainable Communities Conference in Ottawa, February 9-11. For municipal governments, this is an opportunity to **connect** with colleagues to discuss shared goals and challenges, **explore** Ottawa's achievements in moving from its vision to a sustainable reality, and **experience and learn** through relevant, interactive content. For more information, click [here](#).

#### Federal Contaminated Sites Workshop 2016 (April 25-27, 2016) and SustRem 2016 (April 26-28, 2016)



CBN is supporting the upcoming Federal Contaminated Sites Workshop 2016 (April 25-27 in Montreal) and SustRem 2016 (April 26-28 in Montreal), sponsored by the Real Property Institute of Canada. The Workshop will focus on technologies and issues related to the assessment, remediation and management of federal contaminated sites, while SustRem (hosted by SuRF Canada) will be a sharing of experiences and perspectives on how contaminated sites can be remediated with a smaller overall footprint and more positive outcomes, and how their reuse can contribute to a more sustainable land development. For more on SustRem, please click [here](#), and information about the Workshop is available by clicking [here](#). We hope you will attend either or both of these events and benefit from the information presented.

#### BC Bettering Environmental Stewardship and Technology (May 24-26, 2016)



Following on the success of last year's Bettering Environmental Stewardship and Technology (BEST), BCEIA is presenting the third edition of BEST in Whistler, BC on May 25-27. Planning is proceeding apace, and they are once again planning a brownfield stream. Check the [BC BEST website](#) for further information as details become available. Please note they are also calling for abstracts, and you can find the link to the full call package on the same site.

### **RemTech 2016**

RemTech 2016 is set for Banff, Alberta October 12-14. As always, RemTech 2016 will provide a forum for industry experts to present leading edge technologies in the remediation of brownfield sites and treatment of industrial pollutants. Co-sponsors and participating organizations include government, academic institutions, and private sector organizations active in site remediation, research and application. CBN members usually present at this event, so you won't want to miss it!

## **CBN Committee Updates**

### **CBN Government Relations Committee Update**

The Government Relations Committee is in the process of laying the groundwork for its continuing success. Committee members are developing a matrix to allow it to identify opportunities and barriers in the regulation of brownfield sites, and determine its priorities on an ongoing basis. This, combined with its mandate and statement of guiding principles, will allow greater focus on moving the "brownfield agenda" forward. The Committee is being careful to align its efforts with CBN's strategy, and is expecting a very active 2016.

**Eric Bristow** - Chairperson, CBN Government Relations Committee

### **CBN Finance & Insurance Committee Update**

The Finance & Insurance Committee has developed a questionnaire to determine the position of Canadian lenders on lending against brownfields, and is sending it to leading banks and other sources of brownfield financing. When complete, the survey results will provide the Committee with a good grasp of the state of brownfields finance in Canada. Stay tuned for further information on this important survey.

**George Boire** - Chairperson, CBN Finance & Insurance Committee

### **CBN Technical Advisory Committee**

After taking some time off over the summer, the Technical Advisory Committee is gearing up for a busy 2016. In recent months, the Committee has dealt with issues arising from the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change's (MOECC) intention to develop a new framework excess soils policy (anticipated by the end of 2015). The Committee is also exploring climate change as a driver for changes in brownfield practice (e.g. soil recycling and choices of remediation methodologies).

**Alan J. Durand** - Chairperson, CBN Technical Advisory Committee

### **Communications & Membership Committee**

After start up this summer the Communications and Membership Committee developed a communications and membership plan. This newsletter was a first priority for the Committee together with a plan to increase membership such that we could provide a strong platform for networking for the Brownfields space as was intended by the CBN founders. The other activity that was invigorated by the Committee was the [LinkedIn group](#). Stay tuned for more information.

**Berend Jan Velderman** - Chairperson, Communications Committee

## Membership Renewal Reminder

CBN 2015-2016 renewals have been sent out. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so today. We need your support to continue providing the events and information you need to stay current on all things brownfields. Thank you for keeping CBN strong!

## CBN Updates

CBN's Board met in early October to complete work on our new strategic plan. The plan has three key strategies:

- **Clearly communicate the CBN value proposition:** through its knowledge-based national network of passionate, multi-disciplinary industry professionals who are focused on uncovering, understanding and sharing brownfield barriers and solutions, we provide valuable network opportunities to connect you with a wide range of engaged municipalities, developers, consultants and peers from across the country. These are the resources and linkages that will be helpful delivering on your brownfield project.
- **CBN is a thought leader and resource to the brownfield community:** CBN's Committees are composed of national experts in the technical, regulatory and legal aspects of brownfield redevelopment. Through our four Committees - Government Relations, Finance & Insurance, Technical Advisory (TAC) and Communications & Membership - we provide thought leadership for Canadian brownfielders: a vision of what Canada will be like when brownfields are the preferred redevelopment option, and a roadmap for getting there.
- **Developing collaborative relationships with key partners:** for ten years, CBN has inspired and developed strong relationships within the brownfield sector across Canada and beyond. We will strive to build and further develop our list of partners. We'll report out on these partnerships in more detail in our next newsletter.

We will continue to communicate our successes in implementing our plan, so be sure to watch this Newsletter for updates.

**Eric Pringle** - President, CBN

### CBN and the CUI Brownie Awards at the Canadian Urban Forum

CBN partner, the Canadian Urban Institute, held their Canadian Urban Forum in Toronto October 8, 2015, and CBN was honoured with a special Brownie award acknowledging our ten years of contributions to the industry. In addition, CBN Vice-President Grant Walsom (pictured) was named Brownfielder of the Year. Grant, who is a partner in XCG Consulting Ltd., was recognized for his career contributions to brownfields in Canada. Congratulations Grant! You can see the complete list of this year's CUI Brownie winners by clicking [here](#).



## Industry News

### Brightfields Not Just Interim Use Any Longer?

The SunMine, located in Kimberley, BC, is located on a former contaminated mine site. The site, donated by Teck to the City of Kimberley, already had a power substation, so SunMine, when it became operational, was BC's first grid-connected solar power generating location. SunMine generates about 1 MW per day, enough to supply electricity to 200 houses, and figures into BC's plans as a permanent use of the old mine. For more details, please click [here](#).

## **New Trans-Pacific Partnership May Open Brownfields Opportunities**

The recently signed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement contains Chapter 20, which deals with environmental matters. In the agreement, the partners agree to commit to more open public consultation on environmental matters. Article 18 of the TPP agreement concerns trade and investment in environmental goods and services, with a view to "improving environmental and economic performance and addressing global environmental challenges". To deliver on this, the partners agree to reduce and eventually eliminate tariff barriers and address non-tariff barriers to trade in environmental goods and services, and the TPP agreement establishes the outline of a process for promoting such trade and resolving potential barriers. Please click [here](#) to read the full text of Chapter 20.

## **Brownfield Value Assessment**

BCEIA reports on a recent case involving assessing the value of a brownfield property: "In the recent decision of the British Columbia Supreme Court in *Victory Motors (Abbotsford) Ltd. v. British Columbia (Assessor of Area No. 15 - Fraser Valley)*, the court considered how one properly assesses, for taxation purposes, the value of a brownfield property." To see the complete article, click [here](#).

## **FCM's LiBRe Program**

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities continues to work hard on their Leadership in Brownfield Renewal (LiBRe) program. Their intent is to catalyze brownfield redevelopment in local communities. Initiatives include:

- Forming cross-departmental working groups to break down silos separating municipal staff members involved in brownfield redevelopment
- Building relationships with key brownfield stakeholders, such as developers and oil and gas companies
- Conducting brownfield inventories and responding to PSAB 3260 reporting requirements
- Developing brownfield strategies and incentives
- Researching opportunities for renewable energy generation on brownfield sites (i.e. brightfield projects)
- Updating existing brownfield strategies/incentives and streamlining municipal approval processes

For further information, visit the [LiBRe web page](#).

## **Do You Have Industry News to Share?**

Has your organization been involved in a notable project? Do you have a new product or service offering that might be of interest to our members? If so, our "Industry News" section is a good place to share. Our newsletter is published quarterly:

- mid-March
- mid-June
- mid-September
- mid-December

If you have news for us, please submit it to [davidp@canadianbrownfieldsnetwork.ca](mailto:davidp@canadianbrownfieldsnetwork.ca), and our Communications & Membership Committee will consider it for the next issue. Thanks for your support of CBN!



## **CBN's LinkedIn Group - Your Invitation to Join**

The Canadian Brownfields Network has started a LinkedIn group, and you're invited to join and contribute. Our group will focus on all things brownfields:

- New trends in the brownfield industry
- Brownfields-related events and resources

- Brownfields news
- Municipalities active in brownfield redevelopment

The group will have something for all brownfields stakeholders. It's only open to CBN members, and we encourage you to join, participate in discussions, and contribute postings. To join, please click [here](#).

### Interested in Volunteering for CBN?

Did you know that CBN has 4 Committees which, along with the Board of Directors, help us accomplish our goals? They are:

- Communications and Membership
- Finance and Insurance
- Government Relations
- Technical Advisory

If you would like to be a part of any of these Committees, please contact Diane Gaunt, our Operations Manager by e-mail at [info@canadianbrownfieldsnetwork.ca](mailto:info@canadianbrownfieldsnetwork.ca).

**We appreciate your interest and support!**

### Send Us Your Comments!

Do you have any ideas on what can be included in future newsletters, or comments on the content of this one? Please send them to us by e-mailing [David Petrie](mailto:David.Petrie). If you'd like to start a discussion on any of the items in this newsletter, we encourage you to use our [LinkedIn group](#).

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