

May 2016 Newsletter

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Welcome



Hello Everyone

With spring in full swing we are seeing construction picking up and many in our brownfields network are getting busier. We are planning a welcome Conference break for you at CBN. CBN is planning our brownfields Conference in Toronto for June and the focus of the Conference will be around the connection with climate change and improving our urban environment. Further information on this conference can be found in the sections below.

We have active Committees at the CBN and we play an active role in facilitating feedback and guidance on matters pertaining to brownfields through our Government Relations and Technical Advisory Committees. In order to get further drawn into these discussions and to keep up to date with our members, we encourage you to sign up at our LinkedIn page or better yet to become actively involved. Lastly but not least I reach out to you again to tell the CBN stories to your brownfields network and encourage corporate and individual membership. The more stories we share - the better the network.

Warm regards,

Upcoming Events

CBN Events



Brownfields - Revitalizing in a Changing Climate CBN Conference 2016

[On-line registration](#) is now open for the 5th edition of CBN's annual Conference. This year's theme is two-fold:

- Revitalizing the conversation around brownfields
- The role of brownfields in addressing climate change

We've listened to your comments after our 2015 Conference, and this year we will be much more interactive. Two program innovations that reflect this are:

- The panel/round table discussion **Overcoming Today's Brownfield Challenges: a Multi-disciplinary Perspective**, in which participants will talk about barriers to brownfield redevelopment and ways of overcoming them
- Our first-ever "Fireside Chat", **Explore the Climate Change and Brownfields Connection with Industry Experts**, an informal discussion with industry experts on how brownfield redevelopment can be one of the tools to address climate change

Early bird registration closes May 15, so you'll want to register soon and save \$40 off the regular Conference rate. For more information, visit our [Conference website](#).

CBN Partner Events

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!

~ Call for Abstracts ~

If you are interested in presenting at **RemTech 2016**, submissions are now being accepted for presentation at the RemTech 2016 CBN Brownfield Session. RemTech is being held October 11-14 at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, in Banff, AB. Presentations should be planned to be 20 minutes in length. Abstracts should be sent to David Petrie at davidp@canadianbrownfieldsnetwork.ca by Friday, May 20, 2016. Abstracts, maximum 500 words in length, are being encouraged on a wide variety of topics (see [here](#) for more information).

CBN Committee Updates



The Government Relations Committee has developed a framework to allow it to meet with provincial governments across the country so we can, jointly with the regulators, address key barriers impacting brownfield development. Introductory discussions will feature:

- Review of CBN's purpose, vision, mission and goals
- Discussion of the Government Relations Committee's mandate to work cooperatively with regulators
- Discussion of the ways regulators are working on lessening or removing barriers to brownfield development
- Discussion of the regulators' views of key barriers within their jurisdictions
- Discussion of ways CBN and our partners can support the regulators in addressing these barriers

Eric Bristow - Chairperson, CBN Government Relations Committee



The Finance & Insurance Committee continues to work on the Brownfield Lenders Survey. Although responses have been slow in coming in, a clear picture of lenders' attitudes towards financing brownfield properties is beginning to emerge. Committee Chair George Boire, joined by a panel of financial experts, will speak to the survey results at CBN's 2016 Conference, [Brownfields - Revitalizing in a Changing Climate](#).

George Boire - Chairperson, CBN Finance & Insurance Committee



The Technical Advisory Committee has submitted a response to the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change's (MOECC) call for comments on the proposed excess soils management policy framework. The Committee's response highlighted the need to treat excess soils as a resource and not as waste, and recommended making this the overarching goal of the policy framework. The comments also stressed the need for improved tracking and documentation of excess soils at **all of** the source, interim and receiver sites, versus the proposal's focus only on source sites, and recommended that overall enforcement activities remain with the MOECC. The Committee advocated for new risk based

Overall enforcement activities remain with the MOECC. The Committee advocated for new risk based appropriate standards for the beneficial reuse of excess soils, incentives to reuse excess soils and development of an integrated multi-Ministry working approach for proper implementation of current Best Management Practice requirements.

Alan J. Durand - Chairperson, CBN Technical Advisory Committee



The Communications and Membership Committee has, of course, been working hard on electronic communications - the regular Newsletter and periodic Member Updates, highlighting CBN's Conference and upcoming events from our partners. Committee members are also developing strategies to build CBN membership, as a strong membership means we have a greater ability to promote and influence the Canadian brownfield agenda. Work also continues on improving our [website](#) content and, of course, the [LinkedIn group](#). If you are aware of anything you think would be of interest to your colleagues - industry news, legal or regulatory developments, new projects, etc. - please post it on LinkedIn and send it to [the CBN office](#).

Berend Jan Velderman - Chairperson, Communications Committee

Membership Renewal Reminder



CBN 2016-2017 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 continues to work on refining our strategic plan (see the December 2015 Newsletter for information on this) and on improving our value proposition - the answer to the key question, "why be a member of CBN?" As a CBN member, you get:

- **Access to committees** made of experts in brownfields across Canada
- **Our Newsletter** and online resources on new trends in the brownfield industry
- **Information and sources of advice** on how regulations affect your brownfield project
- **Problem solving partners** and solution providers
- **Participation at networking events** during CBN conferences and workshops, including Brownfield awards and recognition
- **Opportunities** to seek input and feedback from colleagues and industry

In short, you have full access to a ready-made network of industry experts - developers, consultants, legal and financial specialists, insurers and others - to help you with the success of your next brownfield redevelopment project.

Our Conference Committee is also working hard to prepare the 2016 edition of our Conference. This year's theme is Brownfields - Revitalizing in a Changing Climate. During this event (held in Toronto June 14), you can help us identify remaining and evolving barriers to brownfield redevelopment and learn how brownfield redevelopment can help address climate change. Featuring the return of popular sessions and the debut of new ones, it's sure to be a "must-see" event!

Eric Pringle - President, CBN

CBN Awards - Coming Soon!

CBN's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the **new CBN Awards!** We will be presenting the inaugural awards at the 2016 CBN Conference, [Brownfields - Revitalizing in a Changing Climate](#), June 14, 2016. Be sure to attend, learn the intent behind the Awards, and congratulate our first winners!

Industry News

To Dig'n'Dump or Not to Dig'n'Dump?

The brownfields industry has been working for some time to encourage in-situ remediation as the preferred way of dealing with contaminated soils. Could a situation arise in which dig'n'dump is better? One has, in the City of Brantford's Greenwich-Mohawk Brownfield project. Due to concerns from area residents about odors emanating from the site, the City has developed a protocol to remove the soils to a licensed landfill. For more details, please click [here](#).

Developer Applies for \$15.8 million in Tax and Fee Incentives in Ottawa Brownfield Redevelopment

The *Ottawa Sun* reports that the Regional Group has applied for a total of \$15.8 million dollars in tax and fee incentives for its redevelopment of the former Oblates lands, a brownfield located on the Rideau River. The application, if approved by City Council, would constitute the largest brownfield incentive issued by the City. The Regional Group intends to build a mixed-use development on the site. Please click [here](#) to read the *Sun* article.

Brownfields Meet LEED Silver in Edmonton

The *Journal of Commerce* reports that the City of Edmonton has approved a Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Program to encourage developers to remediate brownfields and construct LEED Silver structures on the former contaminated site. The program allows tax credits of up to 100% until remediation costs are covered. To see the complete article, click [here](#).

Can a Brownfield Help the Syrian Refugee Crisis?

We couldn't resist this. Residents of tiny Brownfield, AB (population 15) have opened their community and their hearts to a four-member Syrian refugee family, according to the CBC. Is there **anything** brownfields can't do? For further information, click [here](#).

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, 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.

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](#). 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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