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CBN Vision

Advocate brownfields redevelopment as an essential component of sustainable communities and urban revitalization in Canada.

Goal: Provide research, advocacy, and clarity on issues related to brownfields.

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CBN Select Achievements

- **A Review of Canada's Progress in Response to the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy's 2003 National Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy**
OCETA, on behalf the Canadian Brownfields Network (CBN) and in collaboration with the NRTEE conducted a market research study to identify the actions that have been undertaken in response to the recommendations in the NRTEE Brownfield Strategy including initiatives and activities since 2003, current market leaders, and relevant barriers.

A summary of this report is available [here \(PDF\)](#).

CBN CONFERENCE

- [HOT PROPERTIES @ Canadian Brownfields 2008](#)
[October 23 - 24, 2008](#)
Visit us at Exhibitor Booths 1339-1341

For more brownfields/remediation conferences and events visit Upcoming Events on www.aboutREMEDIATION.com

Announcements

Events

- **GMF Capacity Building Webinar: Brownfields**
September 17, 2008
Get a sneak peak at some of the exciting information that will be presented at the **Hot Properties @ Canadian Brownfields 2008** conference from October 22-24, 2008 in Toronto, Ontario.
Our two distinguished speakers will be presenting at the conference, and will also bring their information, experience and enthusiasm to this webinar. Storm Cunningham, noted author and founder of the Revitalization Institute, will provide insight into the potential of reclaimed brownfields to act as engines of renewal and growth. He will also introduce his new book "reWealth!" which highlights the positive impacts of brownfield redevelopment. Chris Ollenberger is the President and CEO of the Calgary Municipal Lands Corp. Chris will draw on his extensive experience in the development industry to highlight the opportunities created by brownfield revitalization and partnerships between sectors and governments.

[Details](#)

- **re.THINK re.INVENT re.URBANIZE**
Seizing opportunity in transit oriented development
October 1, 2008, Cambridge, Ontario
Join the Waterloo Region Reurbanization Working Group for a discussion on the exciting development opportunities around future rapid transit stations and other reurbanization areas in Waterloo Region and how we can work together to make them a reality.

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Thanks to all of our CBN Executive and Corporate Members for their support:

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- [The Canadian Real Estate Association](#)
- [OCETA](#)

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- Hear first hand from Keynote Speaker Tracy Finch (Harris Development Group LLC) on how they are capitalizing on the opportunities rapid transit is bringing to Charlotte, NC;
- Learn about the emerging reurbanization market in Waterloo Region and better position yourself to take advantage of these new and developing opportunities;
- Get an update on the progress of the Region's Rapid Transit Initiative, Area Municipal reurbanization plans and the types of development principles that may guide future development in these areas;
- Provide your thoughts on how the planning framework can be structured to support high-quality development around rapid transit;
- Share your insights on the challenges that face developers; and
- Discuss the tools that can be implemented to assist everyone achieve their common objectives.

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• **RemTech 2008**

October 15-17, 2008, Banff, Alberta

The Remediation Technologies Symposium 2008 (RemTechTM 2008) is the premier remediation technology transfer event for environmental professionals, encompassing the latest innovations in soil and groundwater remediation. Building on the overwhelming success of last year's event, RemTechTM 2008 is expected to exceed the standards set by its predecessor. Offering a larger, more diversified program, with additional keynote speeches and networking sessions, this is an event you won't want to miss!

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• **Atlantic Reclamation Conference 2008 (ARC 2008)**

"Restoring the Earth in Atlantic Canada"

October 20 & 21, 2008, Stellarton, Nova Scotia

ARC2008 aims to create an annual venue for individuals and teams to share information, further knowledge, increase awareness, encourage education and investigate problems and solutions in the many areas of land and waterway reclamation, restoration and rehabilitation. Examples of work this covers include: mine site reclamation, brownfield redevelopment, contaminated site restoration, erosion and sediment control planning, revegetation planning, wetland and soil quality research, landuse planning, landscape design, policy, regulation and fiscal planning, environmental risk and liability insurance policies, and more.

If your interest lies in these or other related areas, please join us at ARC2008.

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• **HOT PROPERTIES @ Canadian Brownfields 2008**

October 23 & 24, 2008, Toronto, Ontario

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Communities that can claim to be compact, vibrant and sustainable are well placed to meet today's most pressing challenges, ranging from climate change to quality of life. **HOT PROPERTIES @ Canadian Brownfields 2008** highlights remediation projects across the country that are raising the bar for sustainable community design, investment in the public realm and stimulating neighbourhood renewal. Innovations in technologies and policy approaches are building needed economic and cultural momentum in many communities.

Join experts from across Canada and around the world for Canada's national conference on brownfields remediation, community revitalization and sustainable city building. Become inspired by innovative approaches to community revitalization, learn how to address the legal and financial challenges to development, and hear practical advice from the leading experts in the field. Explore the "brownfields marketplace" to meet service providers, learn about new opportunities and network with representatives and delegates from across the country. After an inspiring day of high-profile keynotes and case studies, enjoy the CUI Brownie Awards Gala Dinner, honouring the leading remediation developments and projects across the country. If you know of an innovative remediation project or program, nominate it for a CUI Brownie award today!

Brownfields 101

Presented by the Canadian Brownfields Network (CBN)

An introductory session for new players who want to learn the Brownfield basics. Brownfield redevelopment is an opportunity to build a community's economic base. Through interactive discussions between the panel and audience, local government, property owners and developers will understand how to optimize their under-utilized Brownfield sites. The session will include topics such as: Where do Brownfields fit in the context of sustainable community planning, the green economy and climate change? How do I know it's a Brownfield? How do I get started and who should I call? Hear testimonials from municipal practitioners who have successfully navigated the Brownfield redevelopment roadmap.

- [Kilmer Brownfield Equity Fund L.P.](#)
- [Lafarge North America](#)
- [Miller Thomson LLP](#)
- [XCG Consultants Ltd.](#)

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Special Opportunities

The Brownfields Marketplace exhibit area at Canadian Brownfields 2008 is nearly sold out – only 14 booths remain. [Click here](#) to download the floorplan and reserve your space!

ReNew Canada – the infrastructure renewal magazine – is proud to be the exclusive media sponsor of Canadian Brownfields 2008 Conference and Marketplace. All sponsors of the event receive advertising in the Sept./Oct. 2008 issue of the national publication. If you are interested in advertising in this or future issues, [download the media kit](#) for details.

For more information about the Conference and [CUI Brownie Award](#) program, please contact Linda Varekamp at lvarekamp@canurb.com or 416-365-0816 x221. For sponsorship and exhibit opportunities or to advertise in the show issue of ReNew Canada magazine, please call Todd Latham at 416-444-5842, ext. 111 or email todd@renewcanada.net.

HazMat Management magazine is pleased to introduce its new supplement, Brownfields Marketplace, which will appear in every issue starting fall 2008.

We are producing this supplement in association with:

The Canadian Real Estate Association
The Canadian Brownfields Network
The Cement Association of Canada
Sustainable Development Technology Canada
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities
The Canadian Urban Institute

This supplement is the new voice of the remediation industry targeting those who have properties that need remediation, municipalities, private companies, governments and developers and realtors. We will have listings of Brownfield's for sale and numerous articles about legislation, technologies and a focus on remediation projects in every issue.

The combination of the established, independently audited readership of HazMat, and the fresh new supplement Brownfields Marketplace (with high level input from all areas of the remediation industry) allows you to advertise strategically to over 10,000 readers every issue.

For more information contact Jamie Ross at 416-510-5221 or ross@hazmatmag.com.

Other News and Updates

National

- **Inter-Governmental Forum on Brownfields**
Canadian provinces and territories have formed an Inter-Governmental Forum on Brownfields as an opportunity to share information and discuss barriers to sustainable brownfield redevelopment in Canada. At the recent Forum meeting held in June 2008 (Toronto, Ontario), the CBN (Tammy Lomas-Jylha, Executive Director) presented the findings from the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE) Report Card: State of Canada's Brownfield Industry. Visit www.canadianbrownfieldsnetwork.ca for a copy of the presentation. An article on the study can be found in the upcoming issue of Brownfields Marketplace.
- **US Brownfields 2008 Conference Highlights Canadian and Ontario Expertise**
Detroit, MI - Public and private sector organizations profiled Canadian and Ontario expertise in brownfield redevelopment and site remediation to over 6,000 conference participants from

May 5-7, 2008. The partners for the Ontario-Canada Showcase, which included Industry Canada, the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing), OCETA, aboutREMEDICATION, Canadian Brownfields Network and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, were pleased to feature a Networking Event and Tradeshow Pavillion at the USEPA Brownfields 2008 Conference (www.brownfields2008.org). The Ontario-Canada Showcase offered participants an opportunity to display their services, technologies and properties, exchange information, partake in match-making events and establish business contacts.

It was a GREAT SUCCESS as shown by the numerous testimonials from both the US and Canadian participants....." There appear to be many interesting business opportunities across the border" "Canadian technologies and approaches offer US companies a new way to do their business" "I plan to contact Canadian municipalities to get more information on redevelopment properties" "I met several companies at the Networking Event and we are now exploring a partnership arrangement that will assist my company in expanding into new markets".....

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- **ECO Canada - When Supply Does Not Meet Demand**

ECO Canada has released its 2008 Contaminated Sites Report - *When Supply Does Not Meet Demand: Labour Gaps and Issues in Canada's Contaminated Sites Sector*.

During the next few decades, federal, provincial, and municipal governments, as well as the private sector, are poised to commit considerable financial resources to cleaning up contaminated sites across Canada.

ECO Canada, in partnership with Human Resources and Social Development Canada, commissioned this research study so that stakeholders across the country could have a better understanding of the gaps between labour demand and supply when it comes to cleanup of contaminated sites.

[Download the Report \(PDF\)](#) from ECO.ca

(Source: ECO Canada, *When Supply Does Not Meet Demand: Labour Gaps and Issues in Canada's Contaminated Sites Sector*)

- **FCM Green Municipal Fund Call for Applications: Brownfield Remediation**

From July 10, 2008 the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) will accept applications for low interest Green Municipal Fund (GMF) loans to remediate brownfield sites.

FCM will award a total of up to \$20 million in low-interest loans under this call for applications.

Eligible applicants can request loans equivalent to 50 to 80 per cent of eligible costs.

Applications will be considered as they are received. Each application will be individually evaluated on its own merits. Not all proposals will be funded.

The objective of the 2008 call for applications in the brownfield sector is to fund the remediation components of brownfield redevelopment projects. To ensure the greatest possible environmental, social, and economic impact, FCM invests GMF loans in the best examples of municipal leadership in sustainable development — examples that can be replicated in other communities.

For more information please visit the [FCM Sustainable Communities Web site](#).

(Source: Federation of Canadian Municipalities, <http://sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca>)

Alberta

- **Alberta Environment Releases Revised Alberta Tier 1 and Tier 2 Guidelines**

Alberta Environment has released the revised *Alberta Tier 1 Soil and Groundwater Remediation Guidelines* (2008) and *Alberta Tier 2 Soil and Groundwater Remediation Guidelines* (2008). The revisions include updates to the Alberta Tier 1 tables and clarify Alberta Environment's policies. These documents supercede the 2007 versions of Alberta Tier 1 and Tier 2 and are effective immediately.

The guidelines and lists of the updated sections are located on Alberta Environment's website at <http://www.environment.alberta.ca/777.html>.

(Source: Alberta Environment, e-mail distribution, August 28, 2008)

- **Alberta RFPs for Subsurface Contamination Audits Posted**

Alberta Environment and Alberta Sustainable Resource Development have each posted a request for proposal (RFP) to conduct subsurface contamination audits this fall and winter. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for consideration, the RFPs are posted on the Alberta Purchasing Connection web site (<http://www.purchasingconnection.ca/>).

(Source: Alberta Environment)

- **Alberta Environment Releases Two Draft Documents for Stakeholder Consultation**
Two draft documents on conducting environmental site assessments have been released by Alberta Environment for stakeholder consultation.

The draft Alberta Environmental Site Assessment Guidelines (2008) are intended for use on a variety of sites. The guidelines provide information on Phase 1 ESAs, Phase 2 ESAs, soil and groundwater sampling, confirmatory investigations and reporting.

The draft Soil Monitoring Directive (2008) updates and consolidates the Soil Monitoring Directive (1996) and Guideline for Monitoring and Management of Soil Contamination Under Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act Approvals (1996). The draft directive is designed for use at facilities operating under an Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act approval that requires soil monitoring and soil management.

Both documents are posted on Alberta Environment's website at <http://www.environment.alberta.ca/2805.html>

Please submit comments separately on each of the draft documents by September 15, 2008 to the contact indicated on the webpage.

(Source: Alberta Environment, e-mail distribution, July 30, 2008)

- **Alberta Environment Releases Record of Site Condition Form**
Following stakeholder consultation in 2007, the *Record of Site Condition* (RSC) form and Fact Sheet have just been released and can be viewed on Alberta Environment's website at www.environment.alberta.ca/2560.html.

The RSC form is a summary of information contained in a Phase 2 ESA report, remediation report and risk management plan for all types of sites across Alberta. The form has questions on the type of site activity, on-site and off-site characterization, key transport factors for relevant pathways, substance releases, confirmatory results and aspects of the risk management plan.

When an operator or consultant completes their initial site investigation, they complete the sections of the RSC form with the site and release information. With each subsequent return to the site to delineate the release, undertake remediation, etc., information is updated and added to the RSC form. The form also can be used by consultants to guide their site investigation and consider the receptors and exposure pathways that may be impacted, both on and off-site.

Commencing on May 1, 2008, the *Record of Site Condition* form must accompany all Phase 2 environmental site assessments, remediation reports, and risk management plans submitted to Alberta Environment. More information is on the webpage and in the Fact Sheet, *Record of Site Condition*, R&R/08-01.

(Source: Alberta Environment, e-mail distribution, April 1, 2008)

Atlantic Canada

- **New postings on the Atlantic RBCA website include:**

- **Atlantic PIRI 2007 Annual Report**

The Atlantic PIRI Annual Report documents the implementation of Atlantic RBCA in the previous calendar year, and the objectives of Atlantic PIRI for the year to come.

- **Atlantic PIRI launching online training**

In the autumn of 2008 Atlantic PIRI will be launching an online version of the Atlantic RBCA training course that will replace the current training format (i.e. classroom with an instructor). The online version will be available 24/7 and include more case studies, quizzes and a final test. All participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate of completion. In addition, webinars will be scheduled for participants to interact with knowledgeable instructors. For more information, visit www.rbcatraining.com.

Visit www.atlanticrbc.com/

(Source: Atlantic Risk-Based Corrective Action, www.atlanticrbc.com, 2008)

British Columbia

- **Extension of time period for EPH equivalency toLEPH/HEPH**

For contaminated sites regulatory purposes the equivalency of extractable petroleum hydrocarbon (EPH) data with light extractable petroleum hydrocarbon (LEPH) and heavy extractable petroleum hydrocarbon (HEPH) data has been extended to July 1, 2010 by the Director, *Environmental Management Act*.

This extension will provide time for the ministry to consider the results of the recent review of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Canada Wide Standards for Petroleum Hydrocarbons related to the assessment and chemical analysis of petroleum hydrocarbons, and to prepare and consult on any needed amendments to the petroleum hydrocarbon standards of the Contaminated Sites Regulation.

Ministry guidance on this matter is contained in our [May 23, 2003 update clarifying hydrocarbon analytical methods and standards \(PDF\)](#).

If you have any questions, please direct them to Glyn.Fox (@gov.bc.ca).

(Source: British Columbia Ministry of the Environment, CS e-Link Message, July 15, 2008)

- **CSAP Society Comes into Full Operation July 1, 2008**

The Contaminated Sites Approved Professionals Society (CSAP Society) became fully operational on July 1, 2008. It is a self regulating professional society whose members are authorized under the *Environmental Management Act* to recommend that the Ministry of Environment approve applications for specific contaminated sites legal instruments.

After July 1, 2008, those applications for contaminated sites services which are required to be accompanied with the recommendation of an Approved Professional must be sent directly to the CSAP Society office. Further details are provided on the Society's web site at: <http://www.csapsociety.bc.ca/> under the "News & Events" link. Requirements for submission of service applications to the ministry by Approved Professionals are described in Protocol 6. "Eligibility of Applications for Review by Approved Professionals" at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/policy_procedure_protocol/index.htm.

We have posted to our web site a new Update entitled "New Responsibilities for Approved Professionals" at <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/updates/index.htm>. This update describes the roles and responsibilities of Approved Professionals, the CSAP Society and the ministry under the new system. As well we have revised and posted Fact Sheet 30. "The Roster of Approved Professionals" (http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/fact_sheets/index.htm) and our ministry procedure document "Procedures for the Roster of Approved Professionals" (http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/policy_procedure_protocol/index.htm#3). Our Summary of Site Condition form has also been revised and is posted on our web site at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/forms/index.htm>.

If you have any questions please contact the CSAP Society at info (@csapsociety.bc.ca) or the ministry via Vince Hanemayer at Vincent.Hanemayer (@gov.bc.ca).

(Source: British Columbia Ministry of the Environment, CS e-Link Message, June 27, 2008)

- **Amended payment requirements for information requests**

On July 1, 2007, the BC Ministry of the Environment amended its fees payment policy to require payment for the full amount of fees at the time of application for all Land Remediation Section services requested. Our experience over the last year with this policy has revealed that it is often difficult to predict the exact amount payable for Site Information Request and File Content Retrieval applications. This has resulted in unnecessary workload for our clients and staff.

Effective immediately we will no longer require payment in advance of fees for Site Information Request and File Content Retrieval applications. New versions of those application forms have been posted on our web site and we ask that you switch to the new form. (See <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/forms/index.htm>). In addition Fact Sheet 25, "Fees for Contaminated Sites Services" has been updated to reflect this change in policy. It is available on our web site at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/fact_sheets/index.htm.

Please continue to submit payment in advance for all other contaminated sites services requested of the ministry.

For further information please contact our Site Information Advisor at advisor.siteinformation (@gov.bc.ca) regarding Site Information Request and File Information Retrieval applications.

(Source: British Columbia Ministry of the Environment, CS e-Link Message, April 30, 2008)

- **Section 13 of Contaminated Sites Regulation May Not Have Effect**

The ministry has recently been advised of changes to the Federal Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (TDGR) enacted on February 20, 2008, which affect both the Hazardous Waste Regulation and the Contaminated Sites Regulation under the *Environmental Management Act*.

These changes deal with the classification of dangerous goods under Class 9: Miscellaneous Products, Substances or Organisms, including some substances that were regulated as "Environmentally Hazardous Substance NOS, Solid or Liquid". A key change involves the deletion of the list of substances regulated in mixtures at a level of 100 ppm or greater (50 ppm or greater in the case of PCBs) referenced in Appendix 5 as referred to in Section 2.43 (b) (v) of the TDGR.

As a result of this change to the TDGR, the substances previously captured by those provisions are no longer defined as "dangerous goods" and are therefore no longer classified

under the Hazardous Waste Regulation as hazardous waste based on those specific criteria.

Section 13 of the Contaminated Sites Regulation contains provisions which resolve potential conflicts between the standards defining hazardous waste and the numerical soil and sediment standards in Schedules 4, 5, 9, and 10. This section hinges on a reference in subsection 13 (a) to those wastes which qualify as hazardous wastes because they are dangerous goods as described above. Since those wastes are no longer dangerous goods because they are no longer included in appendix 5 of the TDGA, section 13 of the Contaminated Sites Regulation may no longer have any effect. The ministry intends at the earliest opportunity to request that this section of the Contaminated Sites Regulation be deleted.

If you have any questions please contact John Ward at John.Ward (@gov.bc.ca)

(Source: British Columbia Ministry of the Environment, CS e-Link Message, April 24, 2008)

- **Update on Draft Director's Interim Air Concentration Criteria**

The BC Ministry of the Environment is developing scientific criteria by which to determine if a substance is or is not volatile under the Contaminated Sites Regulation. For the purposes of developing interim air concentration criteria, the Director has determined that a volatile substance has the following characteristics:

- a. a molecular weight less than 200 g/mole, or
- b. a Henry's Law constant greater than or equal to 1×10^{-5} atm-m³/mole.

The following substances listed in Table 1 of the draft version of the Director's Interim Air Concentration Criteria document released for public comment in December 2006 do not exhibit the above characteristics and therefore have been removed from Table 1 effective immediately:

- o benz[a]anthracene
- o benzo[b]fluoranthene
- o benzo[k]fluoranthene
- o benzo[a]pyrene
- o 2-chloroacetophenone
- o chrysene
- o dibenz[a,h]anthracene
- o fluoranthene
- o indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene
- o maleic hydrazide
- o methomyl
- o polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)

Responsible persons addressing soil vapour issues under the Interim Guidance for Contaminated Sites – Site Vapour Assessment do not need to consider the above substances as vapour contaminants.

Draft version 2 of the Director's Interim Standards for Contaminated Sites – Air Concentration Criteria dated March 27, 2008" incorporates the above changes and can be view at the following Internet address: www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/remediation/standards_criteria/index.htm. Please note that additional criteria may be adopted for use in finalizing a definition of "volatile substance" for regulatory purposes.

For further information contact Dr. Glyn Fox at Glyn.Fox (@gov.bc.ca).

(Source: British Columbia Ministry of the Environment, CS e-Link Message, March 28, 2008)

Saskatchewan / Manitoba

- **Canada-Saskatchewan Building Canada Fund - Communities Component (BCF-CC)**

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan are pleased to partner with Saskatchewan municipalities (with populations of less than 100,000) to invest in local infrastructure through the Canada - Saskatchewan Building Canada Fund - Communities Component (BCF-CC). This six year program (2008-2014) will provide long-term funding for the construction, renewal, expansion, and upgrade or material enhancement of local infrastructure that is for public use or benefit.

Under the BCF-CC program, the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan have each committed \$94.5 million. This, combined with municipal contributions, creates an injection of at least \$283.5 million into Saskatchewan's municipal infrastructure over the six year period beginning in 2008. Eligible project costs will be shared up to 1/3 / 1/3 / 1/3 & by the federal / provincial / municipal governments.

The BCF-CC is a project-based program wherein eligible applications will be reviewed and rated in accordance with pre-determined criteria. All municipalities will compete for funding.

Eligible project types include: Drinking Water; WasteWater; Solid Waste Management; Local Roads; Public Transit; National Highway Systems; Short-Sea Shipping; Shortline

Railways; Local and Regional Airports; Connectivity; Green Energy; Disaster Mitigation; Brownfield Redevelopment; Tourism; Sport; Culture; and Collaborative Projects.

[Details](#)

(Source: Government of Canada, Saskatchewan Ministry of Municipal Affairs, <http://www.canada-saskbcf-cc.ca/>)

Ontario

- **Brownfields Ontario Update - Removal of Provincial Crown Liens on Brownfield Properties**

In the 2007 Provincial Budget, the Minister of Finance announced that, subject to a revenue sharing agreement, municipalities may advertise brownfield properties up for tax sale as “free and clear” of Provincial Crown lien interests.

These changes respond to concerns raised by the municipal sector regarding Crown liens being an impediment to a successful tax sale and align with Provincial objectives to move a greater number of brownfields back into productive use.

In order to qualify for this initiative, Provincial Crown liens must be registered against the property, and a municipality must:

- Identify the property as a probable brownfield through a Phase I ESA, as defined in section 168.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*;
- Be in a position to commence [or have commenced] a tax sale on the brownfield.

The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Revenue are currently finalizing the implementation of this initiative. A streamlined, one-window approach for the removal of Crown liens is expected to be completed in the summer of 2008. Further details will follow; check the Brownfields Ontario website.

www.ontario.ca/brownfields/

(Source: Brownfields Ontario Update e-mail distribution, May 23, 2008)

- **Ontario delivers multi-sector workshops on brownfield reform**

On March 22, 2007, the Ontario government announced reforms that would help clear the way for more brownfield redevelopment in the province. In June and July 2008, the Ontario government delivered 4 multi-sector workshops on brownfield reform. The purpose of the workshops was to assist the Ontario government in drafting implementing regulatory amendments (O. Reg. 153/04) related to legislative reforms passed in 2007. In particular, the workshops focused on off-site liability, updated standards, Tier 2 streamlined risk assessment, and review process. Participants were encouraged to participate in the workshop as a way of providing feedback to the province. Visit www.mah.gov.on.ca for further information.

(Source: Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing)