Concise Brownfields Network Ouarterly Newsletter

President's Message

2023 was a great year for CBN. We held one of our most successful conferences ever, provided recognition for deserving people and projects through both the Brownie Awards and the HUB Awards, welcomed new members, welcomed a new Executive Director, and worked with government officials to create a #BrownfieldsFirst approach to development.

In 2024, we're using the momentum we've created to improve the member experience. We're making progress on some new webinars to further industry education on important issues, creating a conference that focuses on today's most pressing issues, improving the awards experience to reach more people and projects, and ramping up our efforts to involve you in our government engagement.

As our dedicated staff and Board work to address your industry needs, we welcome you to provide your feedback to us. How can we best help you, the CBN member? If you have an industry issue that you think CBN should work to discuss or address, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time. I can be reached at <u>kbarfoot@slrconsulting.com</u>.



SPRING 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024 TORONTO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Abstracts Now Open for 2024 National Conference

Interested in being a speaker at this year's national conference? We are currently accepting abstracts for two content streams: Innovative Practices in Brownfield Restoration and Remediation and Preventing Future Brownfields. Each presentation in these sessions will run 15 minutes.

2024 Conference Program Released

The program for our 2024 national conference, being held at TMU's Oakham House on May 30th, has officially been released. Learn more about the informative discussions that will take place, along with lots of time worked in for you to network with your peers.

To learn more about the 2024 CBN National Conference, Brownfields Here and Now – Making #BrownfieldsFirst a Reality, visit:

https://canadianbrownfieldsnetwork.ca/events/cbn-conference-2024/overview





Welcome to our conference

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Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

The CBN annual conference hosts over 150 attendees from across Canada, including land developers, engineering firms, environmental cleanup companies, municipalities, legal and financial experts.

As a supplier or industry participant—a solution provider—this conference provides an opportunity to build and enhance your firm's reputation within this land development sector. Establish your organization as a proud partner of a network that continues to shape the Brownfields market. It's never been more important to start a conversation and network face to face.

Sponsorship opportunities



CBN IS pleasea to announce a series of changes to the 2024 edition of the HUB awards. This year, we've decided to change the names of the awards and the award criteria, making it easier to understand which award your deserving teammate or colleague should be nominated for.



Stay tuned for details, and information on nominations, in the weeks ahead.

TMU Welcomes Brownfields-Focused Fulbright Scholar

Toronto Metropolitan University has welcomed Adam Gardner, a U.S. scholar with the Fulbright Program. During his nine months at the University, Adam will be exploring the potential for renewable energy projects on brownfields within First Nations communities across Canada. He will specifically focus on sites managed by Indigenous Services Canada within FCSAP's Phase IV (2020-2024), encompassing 376 brownfields located within 155 communities.

His research is being supported and encouraged by TMU's Christopher De Sousa, Indigenous Services Canada and the FCSAP program.

If you are interested in learning more about Adam's research or have information that may be able to support his efforts, please reach out to Adam at: adam.gardner@torontomu.ca.



Don't Miss #FunFactFriday

Did you happen to see our LinkedIn post from January 26th? If not, you will have missed the launch of CBN's #FunFactFriday. This new initiative helps share interesting and important facts about our industry in an attempt

to further educate people on the need to put #BrownfieldsFirst for community development.

Be sure to check out our LinkedIn feed, and share #FunFactFriday with your network: https://www.linkedin.com/company/71662572/feed/posts/

Thank You to our TMU Students

Our Board is pleased to welcome the support of two students from Toronto Metropolitan University for this academic semester. supporting CBN with such initiatives as our government relations and conference committees, as well as our affordable housing brownfield education series.

Garrett Sun Cheong is a third-year student who is also studying Urban and Regional Planning. He has previous experience working with the Ontario Ministry of Environment policy branch, and will be providing CBN with support for its technical advisory and communications committee, as well as with the preparation of affordable and attainable housing report from our fall workshop.

CBN would also like to thank Chris Petrou for his support of the Board during the fall semester. His assistance was greatly beneficial to multiple initiatives.



Upcoming Events

Members of the CBN Board and staff will be at a number of events in the months ahead, which we hope you will join us at:

CANECT24, CBN will be attending April 23-25.

<u>SustainTech 2024</u>, presented by SEIMA, takes place March 20-21 in Saskatoon. CBN will be attending and presenting a CBN Brownfield Stream:

- The Dirt on Developing Brownfields: the law, due diligence and offsite liability (Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP)
- Firefighter Training Facility Restoration: PFAS source control and novel insitu Remediation (SLR)
- Rapid Transition of Abandoned Oil & Gas Well: the Renuwell Story (RenuWell Energy Solutions)

committees.

Save the date for the **2024 Brownie Awards**, presented by CBN in partnership with Actual Media, taking place in Toronto on November 18th.

Stay tuned for details of our next **networking event**, coming to the Brantford, ON area this spring.

Have an industry event that you want to partner with CBN on? Reach out to our Executive Director, Meggen Janes, at

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