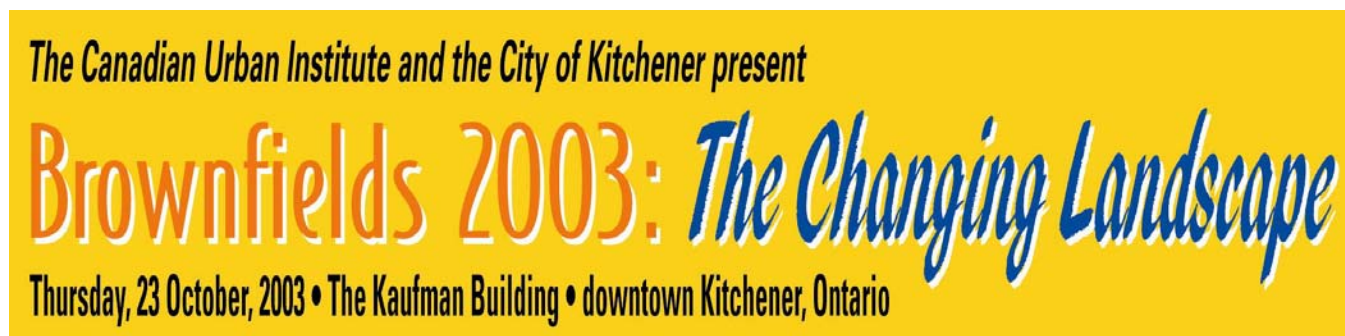


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SUSTAINABILITY IN COMMUNITY BUILDING

Planning & Engineering Initiatives Ltd. and City of Brantford
Greenwich-Mohawk Streets Brownfield Sites Remediation Study

This comprehensive study of a 20-hectare brownfield site was completed from April 2002 to June 2003 for 22 & 66 Mohawk Street and 347 Greenwich Street in the City of Brantford. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the environmental status of the site, assess the existing condition of the site buildings and to develop a strategy to guide redevelopment. As part of the community building process The Brownfield Review provided the detailed study findings in an understandable format, while facilitating the submission of comments on the technical findings and to guide the redevelopment strategies.

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TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS/GREEN DESIGN

ICI Canada Inc
Remediation and Redevelopment ICI Canada Inc. Site at Shawinigan, Quebec

With a Province of Quebec Revi-Sols II contribution grant, administered by the City of Shawinigan, ICI commenced an estimated \$8.1 million accelerated remediation of its 7.9 hectare former chemical plant site in Shawinigan in 2001 in order to facilitate its commercial redevelopment. The project entailed the excavation of contaminated soil, that exceeded acceptable commercial land use criteria, its treatment and disposal, and the ongoing treatment of contaminated ground water. Resulting redevelopment projects to-date exceed \$20 million in investment and the creation of 250 new jobs.

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POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

City of Toronto

Investing in the Future – Leveraging Brownfield Redevelopment through Community Partnerships

The Toronto Lakeshore community has experienced the closing of several industrial operations, resulting in job loss, deteriorating infrastructure, contaminated soils, an eroding tax base, and urban blight. To combat these challenges, community resources were mobilized through the Lakeshore Community Partnership, comprised of representatives from the industrial, commercial, environmental, arts, and residential communities. To complement these efforts, a local property stakeholder group was formed to examine opportunities for the reuse of approximately 70 acres of brownfields located in the “New Toronto” Employment Centre. Strategic, sectoral, and marketing initiatives showcasing the community’s competitive strength, together with solutions to improve the physical, visual and financial environment for employment reuse of the brownfield sites, are a testament to the success of community partnerships.

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POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT –

SPECIAL AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION IN EDUCATION

Seneca College

Integrated Environmental Site Remediation Applied Degree

Through the *Centre for the Built Environment*, Seneca College is now offering a Bachelor of Applied Technology in Integrated Environmental Site Remediation (IESR). Meeting the rigorous Ministry standards of the Post Secondary Education Quality Assessment Board, the IESR applied degree focuses on the scientific assessment, property valuation, and remediation strategies for returning contaminated sites to productive and sustainable use. This multi-disciplinary program draws upon existing strengths within Seneca College from the following schools: Civil Engineering Technology, Legal and Public Administration, Biological Sciences and Applied Chemistry, and Environmental Landscape Management. As part of the curriculum, students participate in a total of three field camps, each one week in duration, two co-op opportunities and specialized health and safety training. The program’s first graduates will enter the full-time job market in 2007.

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CAPITAL FINANCING & RISK MANAGEMENT

City of Cambridge

City of Cambridge Contaminated Sites Grant Program

The Contaminated Sites Grant Program was developed to encourage brownfields development in Cambridge's three core areas in order to increase development in the Cambridge core areas, revitalize the core areas, cleanup contaminated sites and reduce environmental risk, and increase the property tax assessment base in the core areas. The Program implements the recommendations of the Brownfields Strategy Task Force, which included representatives from Council, City staff and a wide range of stakeholders. The current version of the Contaminated Sites Grant Program (2001-present) provides a grant to assist with the restoration costs of contaminated sites for new development in core areas, up to a maximum of \$1,500 per residential unit and/or \$10 per square metre of gross floor area for non-residential development. Wellington Square, the first project of note to take advantage of the Contaminated Sites Grant Program, is an attractive townhouse complex of 82 units in Galt City Centre on lands that were once occupied by a foundry and contaminated with foundry sand and heavy metals.

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INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT – BROWNFIELDER OF THE YEAR

Frank Le Clair

Manitoba Government Services

In June 1999, the City of Winnipeg issued a proposal call asking for proponents to develop five abandoned heritage buildings in downtown Winnipeg. The buildings comprised the last intact streetscape from the 1880's, in addition to being the original "market square" location and original buildings for the Grain Exchange. Now referred to as the "Exchange District," the area has been designated a national historic site. Aware that Red River College (located in suburban Winnipeg) was considering expansion, Mr. Le Clair masterminded a response to the City on behalf of the College, to partner the City, Province and RRC and issue a Private-Public-Partnership (P3) proposal to the private sector. The proposal requested a developer team to design and build a 220,000 sq.ft. high-tech multimedia centre that would cover an entire downtown block, including the five heritage buildings. The RFP required the proponents to sensitively incorporate the heritage desires of City and Provincial authorities, be a signature design for the College, and achieve leading edge energy and sustainable targets.

Mr. Le Clair has been associated with the Accommodation Development Division of Manitoba Transportation and Government Services for the past thirty years, acting in the capacities of Director of Technical Resources, Director of Corporate Accommodation Planning, Chair of the Sustainable Development Planning and Implementation Team as well as Assistant Deputy Minister. He is now Director of Technical Resources.

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HERITAGE/ADAPTIVE REUSE PROJECT

City of Toronto Corporate Services Facilities & Real Estate and Toronto Police Service
Future 51 Division Police Station

The Toronto Police Service is restoring a historic industrial property to a unique community-orientated police station, 51 Division. The 0.92-hectare property, at the northeast corner of Parliament Street and Front Street East in the waterfront area of Toronto, includes a vacant heritage-designated two-story turn-of-the-20th century Gas Purifying House (formerly part of Consumer Gas's coal gasification works) and vacant land. The main west building, plus two north-side ventilation shafts, have been retained and fully restored. The project team had to deal with contamination from metals, petroleum hydrocarbons and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), as well as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and PAHs affecting groundwater, and asbestos and lead paint in the building. As such, excess construction materials were removed offsite for appropriate disposal, the surface was covered in clean fill and landscaped, all structures are located above ground surface and a vapour mitigation system has been incorporated into the building design. The completed redevelopment will help revitalize this historical industrial area of Toronto.

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BEST SMALL/MEDIUM SCALE PROJECT

XCG Consultants Ltd & MacNaughton Hermsen Britton Clarkson Planning Ltd
Luther Village

This 29-acre, former brownfield site provides an excellent example of a community-oriented redevelopment that resulted in a unique Seniors Village. Formerly a large steel-product manufacturing facility, the abandoned Sunar Hauserman factory was an environmental challenge in the heart of Waterloo's uptown core. The successful resolution was the product of co-operation and efforts of a multi-disciplinary engineering and planning team (led by MHBC Planning Ltd. and XCG Consultants Ltd.), as well as the site owner, the developer/purchaser, the City of Waterloo, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and other affected agencies.

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BEST PROJECT OVERALL

Corbett Cibinel Architects

Red River College Princess Street Campus

Located in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the *Red River College Princess Street Campus* occupies 220,000 square feet. The design began in January 2001 with fast track construction beginning shortly thereafter. The first phase (70,000 sq.ft.) was occupied in September 2002; the second phase (100,000 sq.ft.) was occupied September 2003; and the third phase is on schedule for a November 2003 completion date. The Princess Street Campus, located in Winnipeg's historical Exchange District, is a state-of-the-art business, multi-media and information technology learning centre. The new campus design demonstrates a strong commitment to "green" architecture, historic renovation and interpretation, and the latest building technology.

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