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CLRA MISSION

Our mission is to connect government, industry, and academic partners to improve land and waterway reclamation practices and promote environmental excellence from coast to coast.

President's Message

As we move into the 2026 construction season, I'd like to recognize the continued momentum and engagement we are seeing across the Atlantic Chapter. The work being undertaken throughout our region in reclamation, erosion and sediment control, and environmental stewardship continues to demonstrate the professionalism and strength of our industry.

Looking ahead, our largest event of the year is fast approaching — **ARC2026: The Atlantic Reclamation Conference**, taking place October 7–9, 2026 in Quispamsis, New Brunswick. This year's conference will feature two full days of technical presentations, bringing together industry leaders, practitioners, regulators, consultants, contractors, academics, and suppliers to share knowledge and advance best practices across Atlantic Canada and beyond.

To encourage additional participation, we have extended the ARC2026 **Call for Abstracts** deadline until June 30, 2026. We encourage anyone involved in reclamation, restoration, erosion and sediment control, or environmental stewardship projects to consider submitting an abstract and sharing their work with the industry.

We are also proud to host the **National Awards Dinner** during ARC2026, followed by field tours on October 9 showcasing projects from right here in Atlantic Canada.

In addition to ARC2026, we will again be offering our **Fall Lunch & Learn Series** from September through November. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity to stay current on emerging technologies and connect with peers across the industry.

I would also like to remind members that our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on June 11, 2026 at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be offered in a hybrid format, with the in-person portion taking place in Bedford, Nova Scotia.

As our chapter continues to grow, so does the need for involvement. We are actively seeking new board members and volunteers interested in helping support the chapter and its future initiatives.

Thank you all for your continued support and participation. I look forward to connecting with many of you over the coming months — and especially at ARC2026 this fall.

Wishing everyone a safe and productive 2026 construction season.

Chris Thomson, CIHECP
President
CLRA Atlantic Chapter

ARC2026 Update

Planning for ARC 2026 is well underway, and we're excited to share that this bi-annual regional event will be hosted in beautiful Quispamsis, New Brunswick, on October 7-9.

This year's conference will feature:

- Technical presentations
- Student poster sessions
- Vendor booths and displays
- Reclamation Artwork
- Field tours
- Social events
- National Awards Banquet
- CLRA National AGM



[ARC2026 Registration Fees and Information.pdf](#)

[ARC2026 Registration Link](#)



Matthews Cove Park (Wetland Restoration), Quispamsis, NB - Before Repair



Matthews Cove Park (Wetland Restoration), Quispamsis, NB - Following Repair

ARC2026 Call for Abstracts

Calling all practitioners! Are you ...

- a landowner who is engaged in a reclamation and/or remediation project on your land?
- in the business of designing and managing reclamation and/or remediation projects?
- a contractor who implements the ground related work associated with reclamation and/or remediation projects?
- a regulator, government or agency that oversees regulatory requirements, and has a vested interest in reclamation and/or remediation?
- a specialist who performs roles associated with reclamation and/or remediation projects?
- an academic or student looking to learn, or teach others?
- simply interested in the health and care of lands and waterways through reclamation and/or remediation?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions you will not want to miss the opportunity to attend or present at ARC2026 being held on October 7-9, 2026!

The ARC series brings together Atlantic Canada's brightest minds and practitioners focused on reclaiming, restoring, and revitalizing impacted lands and waterways. The Conference offers the opportunity for participants to network with like-minded colleagues from the industry and learn about projects focused on reviving the well-being of lands and waterways which have been compromised due to resource, industrial, and commercial use in urban and rural environments.



Common ARC Presentation Topics

- ▶ Assessment and Remediation in Special Environments
- ▶ Banking and Insurance Provisions
- ▶ Brownfield Reclamation
- ▶ Climate Change Adaptation
- ▶ Community Liaison and Involvement
- ▶ Contaminated Sites Regulations
- ▶ End Use Planning {Prevention}
- ▶ Environmental Racism
- ▶ Environmentally Sustainable Urban Planning
- ▶ Fish Habitat and Passage
- ▶ Funding Programs
- ▶ Greenbelts
- ▶ Landscape planning and design
- ▶ Long-term monitoring and Maintenance
- ▶ Marine/Coastal Protection and Restoration
- ▶ Mine Closure Planning and Design
- ▶ Military areas reclamation
- ▶ Municipal/regional planning for Degraded sites
- ▶ Naturalized Storm Water
- ▶ Planning for flood control
- ▶ Policy and Regulations
- ▶ Reclamation and restoration for conservation
- ▶ Rejuvenation / restoration of degraded buildings at former industrial areas.
- ▶ Remediation Case Studies
- ▶ Restoration of endangered and native species
- ▶ Sustainable Revegetation
- ▶ Storm Water Management
- ▶ Technology, research, and development
- ▶ Water resource management and civil design
- ▶ And more ...

Abstract Format Specifications

If you are interested in submitting an abstract to present at ARC2026, please forward abstracts to the Organizing Committee ASAP. The deadline for submissions is **June 30, 2026**.

Should you require accessibility or sensory provisions, please include these in your submission. Following the conference presentations will be published in the ARCives section of the CLRA Atlantic Chapter website unless requested otherwise by presenters.

Presentation Title:

Keep it short, Max 2 lines.

Authors: A Person (1), A.N. Other (2), A. Third (3), and A.N.Y. More (4)

- 1 Affiliation 1 - do not include the mailing address here!
- 2 Affiliation 2 - For example, Cape Breton University, Sydney, NS, or
- 3 Affiliation 3 - Company name, Halifax, NS
- 4 Affiliation 4 - ***Contact info will be summarized elsewhere

Abstract: DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JUNE 30th, 2026.

Conference language is English. No translation service will be provided. The abstract must be written in English using Microsoft Word. Total length of abstract should be 250-400 words. No graphics or footnotes allowed. Please use Calibri font, 12pt with single-line spacing.

Contact Information: Please forward all abstracts via email to kayla.williams@clra.ca



Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

Sponsorship and Exhibitor opportunities are also available. Please click the link below to review the various sponsorship levels and benefits:

If you are interested in supporting the event, please feel free to contact Chris Thomson at chris.thomson@clra.ca



Premier Sponsorship Levels

Benefits	PLATINUM \$2,500 3 Available	GOLD \$2,000 3 Available	SILVER \$1,500 4 Available	BRONZE \$750 Unlimited
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Lobby Banner Placement	Included	Included	Included	—
Opportunity to Introduce Session	Full session incl. speakers	Self-introduction	—	—
Logo on All Event Signage & Advertising (Pre / Onsite / Post)	Included	Included	Included	Included
Logo on Poster Boards & Projection Screens	Included	Included	Included	Included
Website Recognition with Direct Sponsor Link	Included	Included	Included	Included

Specialty & Event Sponsorships

Sponsorship	Investment	Availability	Highlights
Speaker Gift Sponsor	\$1,500	1	Logo on speaker gift thank-you cards; full signage & website recognition
Student Registration Sponsor	\$750	Unlimited	Logo on student name badges; full signage & website recognition
Lanyard Sponsor	\$750	1	Sponsor supplies 200 custom lanyards; logo featured throughout event
Wednesday Breakfast Sponsor	\$1,000	1	Exclusive recognition; banner placement; premium visibility
Wednesday Lunch Sponsor	\$1,500	1	Exclusive recognition; banner placement; premium visibility
Wednesday Evening Social Sponsor	\$1,500	1	Exclusive recognition; premium visibility during social event
Thursday Breakfast Sponsor	\$1,000	1	Exclusive recognition; banner placement; premium visibility
Thursday Lunch Sponsor	\$1,500	1	Exclusive recognition; banner placement; premium visibility
Banquet & National Awards Dinner Sponsor	\$2,000	1	Opportunity to introduce self & award winner; signature event visibility
Friday Breakfast (Pre-Field Trips) Sponsor	\$1,000	1	Exclusive recognition; banner placement; premium visibility

[ARC2026 Sponsorship Opportunities.pdf](#)

ARC2026 SPONSORS at Publication :

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ARC Conference Venue



The technical presentations for ARC will be held in the McCluskey Brothers Conference Centre, located in the qplex at 20 Randy Jones Way, Quispamsis. There is ample, free-parking.

Refreshments and lunch are included on both Wednesday, Oct. 7 and Thursday, Oct. 8. Please advise of any food allergies during registration.



[McCluskey Brothers Conference Centre | Town of Quispamsis](#)

Preferred Accommodations



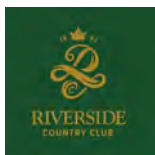
A preferred rate has been arranged at the Quality Inn & Suites By Choice Hotels conveniently located at 114 Millenium Drive in Quispamsis.

The room option is two queen beds (standard) at a rate of \$165.00 + tax. Guests can call the hotel (506) 849-8050 or use the [booking link](#) to reserve rooms with a credit card.



[Booking Link Choice Hotels Reservations Group VN01H1](#)

National Awards Dinner Venue



The CLRA National Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 PM at Riverside Country Club, hosted by River's Edge Catering.

Join us for an evening of celebration as we recognize excellence in reclamation and environmental leadership across the industry.

Please ensure you purchase your banquet ticket during the registration process.

The Riverside Country Club is located at 2524 Rothesay Road in Rothesay.



[Welcome to our New Online Home! – River's Edge Catering](#)

National Awards Update: Congratulations!

We are pleased to share that numerous individuals from Atlantic Canada were accepted as award nominees. The winners have just been announced, and they have been invited to the **National Awards Banquet**, during ARC2026, on Thursday, October 8th. The following is a brief description of the awards and the Atlantic Canadian WINNERS.

Dr. Edward M Watkin Award - This award goes to someone who has a strong background in regulations, reclamation success, development of personnel (or students) or has a long history of participating in CLRA. It can be an individual, agency, institution or company. **AWARD WINNER: Frank Potter**

IN-TECH Award - This award only goes to an individual. The nominee demonstrates a strong background in teaching, research or regulatory development. **AWARD WINNER: Tony Bowron, CBWES**

Dr. Jack Winch Early Career Award - This award goes to an individual within their first 10-12 years of professional practice and has either developed a rich body of work in the reclamation field or had success in a particular project. **AWARD WINNER: Kayla Williams, CBWES**

Andrea McEachern Memorial Scholarship - This award is for a student in environmental studies who has been a strong volunteer in the reclamation field. **AWARD WINNER: Lauren MacDonald, University of Alberta, formerly St. Mary's University, Student**

Recognizing Past Reclamation Award Winners: 2018



The late Andrea McEachern (CLRA National President 2015-2021) and Frank Potter (CLRA Atlantic Chapter President) present Linwood Durham (centre, past Atlantic Chapter Board Director) with the **Dr. Edward M Watkin Award**, during the National Awards Banquet held at ARC2018 in Miramichi, NB.



Frank Potter (left, CLRA Atlantic Chapter President) and Andrea McEachern (CLRA National President) with the recipients of the **student scholarships** during the National Awards Banquet held at ARC2018 in Miramichi, NB.



Michele Coleman (centre, past CLRA Atlantic Chapter President) is presented with the **In-Tech Reclamation Award** by Andrea McEachern (CLRA National President 2015-2021) and Frank Potter (CLRA Atlantic Chapter President) during the National Awards Banquet held at ARC2018 in Miramichi, NB.

Lunch & Learns: Fall 2026 Edition

Further to the success of our 2025 presentations, we are pleased to announce our Fall 2026 Edition.

Join us virtually, and learn from Industry Experts. Upcoming dates:

- September 17 - Speaker (TBA) - Topic (TBA)
- October 22 - Speaker (TBA) - Topic (TBA)
- November 19 - Speaker (TBA) - Topic (TBA)

[Lunch & Learn Registration Link](#)



If you have a topic or case study related to reclamation, please let us know. We'd love to hear from you!

The Spring & Summer 2026 edition of the Canadian Reclamation Magazine is now available!



Check out:

The Rise of Micromeadows in Urban Restoration

Click on the link at the bottom of this page...

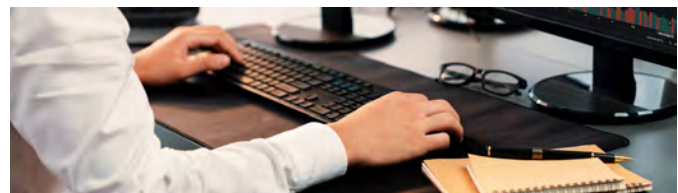
Next Issue:

Planning is already underway for the Fall issue, featuring the theme: ***"Wild Teachers: Lessons From the Sentient Beings Who Shape Reclamation"***.

The submission deadline is **September 1, 2026**.

If you have an article to contribute, a project to showcase, or if you're interested in placing an advertisement, please contact the CLRA Magazine Committee Chair, Shannon King, at:

shannon.king@clra.ca



https://flipbooks.delcommunications.com/CLRA_2026-1

Annual General Meeting—Call for Board Members

We would like to invite you to our ANUAL GENERAL MEETING on, **June 11th, at 5pm!** This meeting will be hybrid with the in-person meeting taking place in Bedford, NS.



CLRA Atlantic Board Members - ARC2018, Miramichi, NB

The CLRA Atlantic Chapter is seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our Board of Directors.

Board members play an important role in:

- Shaping chapter priorities and programming
- Supporting conference and event planning
- Promoting knowledge-sharing
- Fostering professional development
- Helping grow and engage the Atlantic membership
- Advancing reclamation practices throughout the region

If you are passionate about land reclamation, restoration, or remediation — and want to help strengthen our regional community — this is a valuable opportunity to get involved.

We welcome professionals from all sectors, including industry, government, academia, consulting, contracting, and students or early-career practitioners who want to contribute.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like to learn more about Board responsibilities, please contact: Chris Thomson at: chris.thomson@clra.ca



Atlantic Chapter Board of Directors

President	Chris Thomson – Maritime Hydroseed – Saint John, NB
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- Kirklyn Davidson – SCG – Halifax, NS
- Lauren MacDonald – Student, University of Alberta, AB

<https://www.atlanticclra.ca/who-we-are>

Membership

We'd love to have you with us in 2026!

If you're renewing your CLRA/ACRSD membership — or joining for the first time — please note that membership fees are now due, and all current members should have received their invoice recently.

If you're interested in becoming a member, you can find full details and application information at the following link:

<https://www.cbra.ca/become-a-member/>



Student Membership
Available to full-time students: 1-year FREE

Retired Membership
Available to retired persons: 1-time fee of \$75.00



Becoming a CLRA/ACRSD member has its benefits!

- Annual Membership Directory – Access contact information for more than 1,100 individual and corporate members involved in land reclamation across Canada.
- Canadian Reclamation Magazine – Receive two issues per year featuring industry news, project spotlights, supplier updates, and global reclamation insights.
- Networking Opportunities – Connect with professionals at national and chapter events, and engage with other land reclamation associations.
- Regulatory Updates – Stay informed on new regulatory initiatives presented at chapter workshops.
- Community Impact – Support charitable activities, educational awards, and scholarships that advance land reclamation across Canada.

Corporate Membership:

1-Year (1-5 registrations per event), \$400.00
 3-Year (1-5 registrations per event), \$1100.00
 1-Year (unlimited registrations per event), \$550.00
 3-Year (unlimited registrations per event), \$1500.00

Individual Membership:

1-Year \$100.00
 3-Year \$250.00

<https://www.cbra.ca/become-a-member/>

PUBLISHER'S MESSAGE

As we continue our commitment to delivering two issues each year (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter), the purpose of this newsletter is to provide a forum that:

- Keeps members informed about upcoming events
- Shares updates on current conference planning 09
- Highlights our members and their activities
- Showcases ongoing reclamation projects across the region
- Promotes scholarships and reminds readers about membership opportunities
- Provides contact information for the Atlantic Chapter Executive and Board of Directors



The newsletter is also a place to share anything members feel is noteworthy or of interest. Perhaps you've captured a unique plant species thriving on a recently reclaimed site—or have an inspiring story, update, or photo from the field.

If it's something you'd like others to enjoy, we welcome it!

If you have material to contribute for the next issue, please send it to: keely.croft@clra.ca

Have a Project to Share?

Beginning with our Fall/Winter 2026-27 Newsletter, each issue will feature 1-2 reclamation, restoration or remediation projects submitted by Atlantic Chapter members. We hope that these project stories whet the appetite of the membership and become the focal point of future newsletters.

If you have a project that you think would be interesting to Chapter members, please submit it to: keely.croft@clra.ca

