

ATLANTIC NEWSLETTER Summer 2025

Canadian Land Reclamation Association



President's Message

ARC2024 was a huge success and we want to take this opportunity to thank all those involved for their dedication and contributions to our bi-annual reclamation conference.

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new Lunch & Learn Series, which began in June and is occurring on a monthly basis thru November. We have some fantastic presenters and topics, which you can see later here in the newsletter.

We are also in the planning stages of a one-day reclamation forum for October in Sackville.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express thanks to our Past President, Frank Potter, for his unwavering leadership over the past year, and his many, many years of service to our association and the reclamation industry here in Atlantic Canada and beyond. We invite you to join us on our mission which emphasizes collaboration, knowledge sharing, and commitment to land reclamation and restoration.



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The ARC2024 Conference was held on November 13th to 15th, 2024, at the Saint Mary's University in Halifax, NS. Two-days of technical presentations were generously provided by industry professionals and covered a variety of remediation topics including wetland restoration, mine remediation, highway realignment and municipal planning.

Many thanks to all our presenters, participants and sponsors for making the 2024 conference a success.

ARC2024 sponsors: Triton Environmental Consultants, R3 Environmental Services, ERIS, ALS, AGAT Laboratories, Strum Consulting, St Barbara, Envirem Organics, Maritime Hydroseed, CBWES and Ecomatrix.

Presentations from the conference are available on the Atlantic CLRA website www.atlanticclra.ca

ARC2024 Tours:

In addition, at the 2024 conference there were two separate field tours held in the Halifax Region.

Cogswell District Restoration

The first tour option took members through the Cogswell District to view the \$140 million project aimed at restoring the highway infrastructure to its original grid format. Halifax Regional Municipality and Dexter Construction led the guided tour, highlighting extensive earthworks and infrastructure upgrades.

Key features included improvements to utilities and wastewater systems, as well as archaeological discoveries showcased by CRM Group. SCG Industries was also on site, demonstrating mobile remediation equipment and explaining their advanced environmental treatment systems.

Stay tuned for more updates as the work continues to shape a more connected and sustainable future for HRM.



October 2025 Forum and Field Tour

2025 is a non-conference year, and the Board of Directors is currently working on a fall reclamation forum and field tour. This one-day event will likely take place in Sackville, NB in October. We look forward to sharing more information over the coming months. Updates will be posted regularly on the website, so keep checking in for details

Michelle Coleman, Awarded

It gives us great pleasure to inform our members that Michele Coleman (Chapter Past President) was nominated and selected as the 2025 ASRS William T. Plass Award recipient! Michele has had an outstanding career in the reclamation industry in both Canada and the US, and her unwavering and dedicated effort to the industry represents what the Plass Award symbolizes. Michele's dedication to the multiple facets of the CLRA (President, NEC terms, FAC, Wild Women, Haulin' ASRS, annual meeting committees, etc.), as well as collaborative research and knowledge transfer to the up-and-coming reclamationist, truly shows why she is deserving of this top honor. Abundant acres of disturbed lands have returned to flourishing ecosystems with Michele's guidance and helping hands, making her truly worthy of this honorable award.

Waverley Historical Gold Mining District

The second tour option was the Waverley Historical Mines, including a visit to Muddy Pond and Waverley Heritage Museum. The research team from St Mary's University and staff of the museum gave an informative tour of both areas.

The Waverley area with legacy tailings impacted wetlands gave an opportunity to observe new risk-based management approaches to reduce the mobility, availability and toxicity of the historical Arsenic and Mercury impacts. At other areas such as Muddy Pond participants were able to view and compare both healthy and impacted wetlands at one location.



The Atlantic Chapter of CLRA is pleased to announce:

PRESENTS



New Series of Environmental Lunch and Learns

Join Us: Virtually, and Learn From Industry Experts

Line up:

SCG Remediation Services	June 25th
NELSON Environmental Remediation	July 23rd
ALS Canada	August 27th
Maritime Hydrosed	September 24th
Bureau Veritas Laboratory	October 22nd
Build Nova Scotia	November 26th

Non-Members: \$25 for each session.
If you are interested in becoming a presenter in our next Lunch & Learn Series, please reach out to Keely Croft (kcroft@municipalgroup.ca).
We are in the initial planning stages of the L&LS for 2026 already.



Reclamation Magazine

We would like to extend a warm east coast welcome to Shannon King, who is chairing the CLRA National Reclamation Magazine Committee, and who has recently moved to Mahone Bay, NS. We look forward to working with Shannon on content, advertising and growing the publication.

The deadline for submissions in the fall issue is September 1st. If you have an interest in submitting an article or advertising, please reach out to Shannon King (Shannon.King@shaw.ca)



Award Nominations

Do you know someone in the environmental sector that deserves recognition for outstanding achievements or work in their field? Nominations are now open for the CLRA National Awards including the IN-TECH Reclamation Award, Dr. Edward M. Watkin Award, Dr. Jack Winch Early Career Award, and Linda Jones Memorial Award. Follow the link below for more information: www.clra.ca/awards

2025 AGM and Board of Directors

The Atlantic Chapter of the CLRA held the 2025 Annual General Meeting on Thursday, April 24th at the Municipal Groups office in Bedford, NS.

The executive officers for 2025 were voted in at this event and new board members were added. Thank you to all for joining on for the upcoming year!

President

Chris Thomson – Maritime Hydroseed – Saint John, NB

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Jim Barnet – Envirem Organics, Inc. – Fredericton, NB

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Frank Potter – Retired – Sydney, NS

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Norah Pierdant – SCG Remediation Services – Bright, ON

Bob Pett – NS Public Works (Retired) – Halifax, NS

Tony Bowron – CBWES Inc – Terence Bay, NS

Jacob Smith – WPS – Halifax, NS

New Members Welcome!

To become a member of the CLRA Atlantic Chapter or to update your membership for 2026, click here:

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