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## 2012 CUI Brownie Awards recognize excellence in Brownfield Redevelopment across Canada

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The 12<sup>th</sup> annual CUI Brownie Awards were presented at a Gala Dinner at the Sheraton on the Falls hotel in Niagara Falls yesterday evening. Held in conjunction with the CUI's Canadian Brownfields conference – *Making Great Places* – the awards are sponsored by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), and celebrate excellence in brownfield redevelopment by transforming contaminated sites into “great places.”

Winners in seven categories from across Canada were recognized for their leadership, innovation and commitment to building sustainable communities.

“Regardless of their size or scale, successful brownfield projects are a truly collaborative effort, requiring commitment, persistence and an ability to overcome complex challenges,” said Glenn Miller, Vice President, Education and Research with the CUI. “The extraordinary range of projects and programs represented by the finalists are a tribute to the high quality of design and technical expertise across the country. Selecting the winners gets harder every year.”

The CUI Brownie Award for **best overall project** went to **Sydney Tar Ponds and Coke Ovens Remediation Project in Sydney, NS**, which through extensive public consultation and stakeholder engagement, has helped develop a future landuse for largest contaminated site in the country that is comprehensive and includes both short-term and long-term development strategies. This project has, and will continue to have, an important impact on the local economy, in addition to the health and environmental benefits.

Awards were also presented to the **SOLEfood Farm – Interim Brownfield Use as Urban Agriculture from Vancouver, BC** for **Best Large Scale Project**; **Underpass Park from Toronto, ON** for **Best Small Scale Project**; and **Flood Protection Landform from Toronto, ON** for **Public Realm**. The award for **Brownfielder of the Year** went to **Lois E. Jackson, Mayor of the Corporation of Delta, BC** who has been a tireless and vocal advocate for brownfield issues as Mayor of Delta, as well as in her capacity as Chair of Metro Vancouver.

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Category-specific awards were awarded to the following projects:

- **Category 1 – Legislation, Policy and Program Development**  
Smarter Niagara Incentives Program (SNIP) – Niagara Region, ON
- **Category 2 – Sustainable Remediation Technologies and Technological Innovation**  
Sustainable Remediation of Former Aerospace Manufacturing Facility for Future Residential Use in Montreal Suburb – Montreal, QC
- **Category 3 – Financing, Risk Management and Partnerships**  
Village Suites Oshawa – Oshawa, ON
- **Category 4 – Excellence in Project Development: Building Scale**  
CCOC Beaver Barracks Redevelopment – Ottawa, ON
- **Category 5 – Excellence in Project Development: Neighbourhood Scale**  
George Brown College Waterfront Health Sciences Campus – Toronto, ON
- **Category 6 – Communications, Marketing and Public Engagement**  
FCM Brownfield Capacity Building Tools – Ottawa, ON
- **Category 7 – Individual Achievement**  
Lois E. Jackson – Mayor, the Corporation of Delta, BC

For more details on these projects and the other finalists, visit <https://canurb.org/awards>, or contact Glenn Miller, Vice President of Education and Research with the Canadian Urban Institute at 416 365 0816 ext 284.

The CUI Brownie Awards jury is comprised of representatives from ten professional and industry associations. In addition to the Canadian Urban Institute and Canadian Brownfields Network, the jury includes representatives from the Canadian Institute of Planners/Ontario Professional Planners Institute; Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Ontario Association of Architects; Natural Resources Canada; and ReNew Canada.

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