

## Finalists Revealed for 2018 Brownie Awards.



An aerial view of Greystone Village, Ottawa, Ontario

### Celebrating the Rehabilitation and Reuse of Brownfield Properties Across Canada.

November 8, 2018, TORONTO, ON – The **Canadian Brownfields Network (CBN)** and **Actual Media Inc.** are pleased to announce the finalists for the 18th annual Brownie Awards. A landmark national event for anyone involved in the renewal and revitalization of derelict properties, the Brownie Awards will take place at the Toronto Delta Hotels Toronto on Nov. 21, 2018.

Nineteen projects, representing municipalities from across Canada, have been named as finalists for six primary awards. The six Brownie Awards categories for which nominations are accepted are: REPROGRAM, REMEDIATE, REINVEST, REBUILD, RENEW and REACH OUT. There are three other awards that acknowledge the best small-scale project, best large-scale project, and best overall project for 2018. All of the nominees are eligible for these three awards.

“We are extremely blown away with the quality of submissions of innovative projects and programs that we received again in 2018,” said D. Grant Walsom, chair of the Canadian Brownfields Network. “There were a number of extremely tough decisions that were made by our judging panel. This is why we continue to celebrate this industry and the sustained excellence of all those involved in Canadian brownfields.”

Each year, a special award given out that recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of an outstanding individual in the industry; the Brownfielder of the Year. The 2018 Brownfielder of the Year Award goes to **Chris De Sousa**. De Sousa is a professor at the School of Urban and Regional Planning at Ryerson University, and is a member of the CBN’s board of directors. He is currently finishing a three-year research project examining how brownfield properties

are redeveloped in Ontario. This research, as well as previous studies he has undertaken in both Canada and the United States, has been instrumental in the development of policy and governance for brownfield remediation and rehabilitation. De Sousa has also been instrumental in completing the 2018 Review of the Status of Brownfields in Canada study, with the results to be released at the Brownie Awards.

The 2018 Brownie Awards continue a long tradition of providing national recognition of the builders, innovators and visionaries who are dedicated to the rehabilitation of brownfield sites that dot cities and municipalities around the country. Founded in 2001 by the Canadian Urban Institute, the Brownie Awards acknowledge the innovative efforts of professionals to turn sites that were once contaminated, underutilized and undeveloped into productive residential and commercial projects that contribute to the growth of healthy communities across Canada.

The 2018 Brownie Award winners will be announced during a gala dinner at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto on Wednesday, November 21st, 2018. The keynote speaker for the evening will be **Jeff Westeinde**, president of Zibi.

**The finalists for the 2018 Brownie Award Finalists are:**

**Category 1: REPROGRAM – Legislation, Policy and Program Initiatives**

- ERASE CIP 2018, Hamilton, Ontario
- Excess Soils Bylaw Tool, Ontario
- Kingston Failed Tax Sale Properties, Kingston, Ontario

**Category 2: REMEDIATE – Sustainable Remediation and Technological Innovation**

- Avenir Centre Sustainable Remediation, Moncton, New Brunswick
- Cates Landing, North Vancouver, British Columbia
- Petremont-Gerled Project, Varennes, Quebec
- Smouldering Combustion Demonstration Project (Toronto Port Lands), Toronto, Ontario

**Category 3: REINVEST – Financing, Risk Management and Partnerships**

- Bentway, Toronto, Ontario
- ERASE CIP 2018, Hamilton, Ontario

**Category 4: REBUILD – Redevelopment at the Local, Site Scale**

- Broadview Hotel, Toronto, Ontario
- Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Vancouver, British Columbia
- Pier Development by Pinnacle International, North Vancouver, British Columbia

**Category 5: RENEW – Redevelopment at the Community Scale**

- Greystone Village, Ottawa, Ontario
- Kip District, Toronto, Ontario
- Zibi, Ottawa, Ontario and Gatineau, Quebec

## **Category 6: REACH OUT – Communication, Marketing and Public Engagement**

- Carcross-Tagish Management, Carcross, Yukon Territory
- ERASE CIP 2018, Hamilton, Ontario
- FCM LIBRe

## **Category 7: Brownfielder of the Year**

- Chris De Sousa, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario

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