

# CANADIAN LAND RECLAMATION ASSOCIATION

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### A Message from the President

There have been some major ups and downs in our success at fighting off the COVID-19 virus over the past year but we have turned a corner and look forward to a bright future. Despite the challenges of the last year, we have been active in completing projects and getting our work done. Thank you to all those who participated in our online webinar series and keep an eye out for some new content on the website soon!

We look forward to continuing to serve the reclamation industry and you, our members, in 2021. We are working on our plans for this year and hope that in the near future we will be able to once again have face to face meetings and conferences. A big part of our success in the past has been the value of interacting with so many diverse experts and sharing our experiences.

Abby van der Jagt  
President, Atlantic Chapter  
Canadian Land Reclamation Association

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future”**



## ARC2020 Webinar Series

The Atlantic Chapter of the CLRA hosted the first ever ARC2020 Lunchtime Webinar Series on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. Participants registered online and joined the virtual presentations, which were generously provided by industry professionals and covered a variety of remediation topics including environmental forensics, soil remediation, and the Highway 104 twinning project in Nova Scotia.

Many thanks to our four presenters and to all of our participants for making the first Webinar series a success!

## Presentation Summaries

In addition to the summaries below, the full presentations can also be viewed on our website: [www.atlanticclra.ca](http://www.atlanticclra.ca)

### Introduction to the CLRA

The kickoff presentation, given by CLRA Atlantic's president, Abby van der Jagt, was an informal discussion about WHO the CLRA is, WHAT do we do, WHY do we exist, WHEN do we do things, and WHERE. It was geared toward new and prospective members and students.

### An Overview of Environmental Forensics

Presented by James MacDonald from AGAT Laboratories, this presentation touched on the sampling and analysis of petroleum hydrocarbon forensics and his role leading complex projects in the Maritimes.





## Presentation Summaries Continued

### Revegetating Difficult Soils

Renee Barrientos from ECBVerdyol presented several case studies detailing how using biotic soil amendments can increase vegetation success on sites when used as topsoil replacement or in conjunction with less than ideal soils.

### A Contractor's Perspective on Habitat Restoration for the Highway 104 Twinning Project

Jamie Burns Dexter Nova Alliance and Grace Gillies from The Municipal Group of Companies, presented an overview of the Highway 104 Twinning Project, a review of environmental permitting requirements, and various restoration works associated with the project including restoring fish habitat through culvert improvements, reclamation associated with stream realignments, and wetland compensation requirements and strategies.



*UAV imagery of Melford Dam, England Lake, Guysborough County, NS*

## ARC2021 Plans

2021 is a field trip year, however with the continued uncertainty around travel restrictions due to COVID-19 nothing has been set in stone. Ideally a trip will be planned for this summer with the option of another webinar series for the fall. Updates will be posted regularly on the website, so keep checking in for details.

## Free 2021 CLRA Student Membership Offer

The CLRA is offering free 2021 memberships for full time students in 2021. Register today!

[www.clra.ca/membership](http://www.clra.ca/membership)

## Call for National Award Nominations

Do you know someone in the environmental sector that deserves recognition for outstanding achievements or work in their field? Nominations 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, are due by August 30, 2021. Follow the link below for more information: [www.clra.ca/awards](http://www.clra.ca/awards)



## Upcoming AGM and Board Nominations

The Atlantic Chapter of the CLRA is holding the 2021 Annual General Meeting on Thursday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m. via GoTo Meeting. The existing board would like to formally call for nominations to those interested in joining the board: there are positions available and executive opportunities can be discussed based on your interest. Please consider sending in your nominations and joining the board. Those interested in joining are required to be in good standing as a member of the CLRA. We hope to “see” you there!

### **We'd love to hear from you!**

Contact us with your ideas and feedback on our newsletter:

[Contact the CLRA](#)

### **New Members Welcome!**

To become a member of the CLRA or to update your membership for 2021, follow the link below:

[Become a Member](#)

