

Tom Peters Memorial Mine Reclamation Industry Award

The **Tom Peters Memorial Mine Reclamation Industry Award** recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of land reclamation. Nominations may be made by companies, individuals or organizations with respect to their own work or work completed by others and nominations will be solicited by the Award Subcommittee through the OMA and CLRA membership, MNDM, the mining industry and any other relevant sources. The Award can be given to a group or an individual and for current activities (sustainability to be clearly demonstrated) or past work. For more information or to submit nominations, please contact Bryan Tisch at btisch@nrca.gc.ca.

Past winners include the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines in recognition of work completed on the Kam Kotia Project; Vale, for its engineered multi-layer cover design system used to reclaim its open-pit Whistle Mine, the City of Elliot Lake, Rio Algom and the Penokean Hills Naturalist Club in recognition of a project that reclaimed the Miliken Tailings Management Area into the Sheriff Creek Sanctuary in Elliot Lake; and Goldcorp for its work reclaiming the Timmins Coniaurum property.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Tom Peters Memorial Mine Reclamation Industry Award are as follows:

Award Subcommittee

- 1) An Award Subcommittee Chaired by a representative of the CLRA (Ontario Chapter) will decide the winner of the Award.
- 2) The Award Subcommittee will consist of a minimum of five (5) representatives as follows:
 - 2 members from the Canadian Land Reclamation Association (Ontario Chapter)
 - 1 member from the Ontario Mining Association (Environment Committee)
 - 1 member from the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (Mineral Development and Lands Branch – Mine Rehabilitation)
 - 1 member at large
- 3) Each member of the Award Subcommittee has an equal vote. Three (3) votes constitute a quorum. Nominations will be evaluated based on a scoring grid established by the Award Subcommittee and taking into account items such as those listed below under “General Criteria for Selection”.
- 4) The composition of the Award Subcommittee may be altered to accommodate availability or potential conflicts of interest arising from subcommittee members’ participation in a nominated project.

Nominations

- 1) Nominations may be made by companies, individuals or organizations with respect to their own work or work completed by others.
- 2) Nominations will be solicited by the Award Subcommittee through the OMA and CLRA membership, MNDM, the mining industry and any other relevant sources.
- 3) The Award can be given for current activities (sustainability to be clearly demonstrated) or past work.
- 4) Nominations should be submitted in writing to:
TPMMRA Award Subcommittee
Canadian Land Reclamation Association (Ont.)
c/o Bryan Tisch, Natural Resources Canada
555 Booth Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G1
Email: btisch@nrca.gc.ca
- 5) In the nomination, documentation of the reclamation achievement must be clearly outlined, including the specific facts and reasons why the project, contribution or program stands apart from similar projects and merits recognition. The nomination should be in the form of a narrative, that provides the name and full contact info of the candidate, describes the specific job and techniques employed, and summarizes the basis and highlights of the exemplary performance. Where applicable, it should include several photographs and a map (indicate scale) of the site. The narrative must not exceed five (5) typed, single spaced pages. If available and applicable, at least one photograph should be an aerial or overview showing as much of the site as possible. All photographs should indicate the date when taken and should be coordinated with the map or aerial photograph of the site and the narrative. The attached nomination form should be used.
- 6) **The deadline for nominations is announced annually.**

General Criteria for Selection

The work on which the Reclamation Award is based may be either major or minor in extent, and may be the result of one person’s activities or that of a group. The lead organization that will receive the award must be clearly indicated in the nomination. The Award may recognize any/all of the following:

- Demonstrated quality of research
- Innovative techniques that advance the practice of mine reclamation in Ontario
- Quality of work undertaken
- Measurable outcome such as the area of land successfully reclaimed
- Work which has been completed over a number of years which, when taken together, is exceptional
- Outstanding effort by an individual practitioner in the promotion of mine reclamation in Ontario.

The Award is specifically targeted to the reclamation of mines normally regulated by the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Forestry and the Ontario Mining Act. The Award Subcommittee retains sole discretion in determining whether a nomination qualifies.

The Award

- 1) The award will consist of a display trophy that includes a plaque with the winners name, year of award and any other relevant information (that fits) inscribed. Duplicate trophies will be retained on display at the MNDMF offices in Sudbury and at the Ontario Mining Association in Toronto.
- 2) The winner will be presented with a keeper trophy bearing the name of the award, the winner's name and the year won.
- 3) The Tom Peters Memorial Mine Reclamation Award will be given out annually at a CLRA or OMA event. The winner will also be recognized at an Ontario reclamation conference/workshop, such as the CLRA/OMA Mine Reclamation Symposium.
- 4) Under the broad focus of mine reclamation, the following general categories are eligible for the award
 - Exploration
 - Mine Development
 - Progressive Rehabilitation/Reclamation
 - Mine Closure
- 5) At the discretion of the Award Subcommittee, special citations may also be given out to recognize submissions that were deemed excellent, but did not receive the Award. These citations do not preclude applicants from re-submitting a nomination for this work in subsequent years.

Recognition/Promotion

Information on Award winning nominations will be posted on the CLRA, OMA and MNDM websites. In addition, an article describing the winning project will be submitted for publication in the CLRA's "Canadian Reclamation" magazine and other media.

Other

These Terms of Reference can be reviewed and amended by the Award Subcommittee as required and approved by the CLRA and OMA to address changes in items such as:

- Number/type of awards and award sponsors (other companies may contribute to the existing awards program or the development of additional awards and/or scholarships, in consultation with and at the final discretion of the Award Subcommittee).
- Composition of the Award Subcommittee

It is recognized that the promotion of the Tom Peters Memorial Mine Reclamation Award will be an ongoing activity of the Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Land Reclamation Association.