



## NEWS RELEASE

### Mine Closure 2015: Award Winning Paper and 2016 (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Mine Reclamation Symposium Dates Announced

**Vancouver, BC, Canada – June 3, 2015** – The British Columbia Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (TRCR) celebrated the best paper at its 2014 symposium at the Mine Closure 2015 conference, which the TRCR is proud to support as the 39th Mine Reclamation Symposium. Mine Closure 2015 concludes today, and has attracted more than 460 participants from around the world.

The TRCR has presented the Tony Milligan Book Award to John Przeczek with Pryzm Environmental and Lanny Amos of Teck Coal Ltd. in recognition of their paper from the 38th annual symposium in Prince George in 2014, “Developing an effective native tree and shrub planting program at Teck Coal Ltd.’s Elkview operations.”

The TRCR is also pleased to announce that its 2016 symposium will be held September 19-22, 2016 in BC’s Okanagan region. “The TRCR is pleased to announce that the Mine Reclamation Symposium will be returning to its roots in the Okanagan,” says outgoing chair Nicole Pesonen. “The 2016 symposium will continue the TRCR’s tradition of demonstrating current practices in reclamation, through a tour at Glencore’s Brenda Mines closed copper-molybdenum site and paper presentations.”



*Nicole Pesonen, outgoing chair of the BC Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (TRCR), presents the Tony Milligan Book Award to John Przeczek at the Mine Closure 2015 conference. Przeczek and Lanny Amos had presented their award winning paper on a tree and shrub planting program at Teck Coal Ltd.’s Elkview operations at the TRCR’s 2014 symposium in Prince George, BC.*

#### About the BC TRCR

The TRCR originated in the early 1970s in response to a demonstrated need in the British Columbia mining sector for greater government-industry communication in the area of environmental protection and reclamation. Membership is drawn from industry, provincial and federal government agencies, exploration and mining associations, and universities and colleges. The Committee meets to discuss matters of joint concern and interest, exchange experiences, plan activities, and prioritize research needs. It sponsors the BC Mine Reclamation Symposium and studies on reclamation-related issues. [www.trcr.bc.ca](http://www.trcr.bc.ca)

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