



2020 Virtual Reclamation Awards Speech

As the 2020 conference was set virtually this year, the three recipients were able to record their acceptance of the awards by pre-recorded video which was shown during the event.

See the Jade award acceptance speech from Taseko-Gibraltar [here](#).

The Jake McDonald Annual Mine Reclamation Jade Award was presented to Taseko's Gibraltar Mine for its programs centered on collaborative research. "The company was able to demonstrate innovation in techniques and in research that expand on insight into lesser studied ecological communities in reclamation," noted awards subcommittee chair Tim Antill. "In addition, the company has demonstrated a collaborative approach with the local Indigenous community that pairs both traditional and scientific knowledge and communication." One area in which Gibraltar is being recognized is for its research and programs related to the structural development of soil microbial communities, research that builds off the 45 years of reclamation at Gibraltar and includes partners including BCIT, Simon Fraser University and Mitacs. In addition, the company has demonstrated a collaborative approach with local Indigenous communities that pairs traditional and scientific knowledge and communication through the Fraser River Salmon Sampling Program, a partnership with Xat'sull First Nation and Northern Shuswap Tribal Council to assess the safety of eating fish caught at traditional sites.



Taseko senior management (R) and Xat'sull chief and Northern Shuswap Tribal Council volunteers (L)

Two companies also received category awards during the 2020 Mine Reclamation Symposium.

Orca Sand and Gravel received the Sand and Gravel Category Award based on its planning and implementation of reclamation including its consideration of climate change.



In the Metal Mining Category Award, Teck Metals Ltd. received the Award for the successful implementation of its Lower Mine Yard groundwater interception systems.



Ryan Peterson accepting the award for Teck Metals Ltd



Overview of the Lower Mine Yard at Sullivan Mine

See the photo gallery with additional photos on the [Awards Presentation page](#).