Brownfields are seen as a blight by some and an opportunity by others. Redeveloping these sites and bringing them back into productive use is challenging, and few parties have the knowhow and resources to do it successfully. Most people agree that brownfield redevelopment is an important part of promoting sustainable growth in our communities; the question is how to achieve it in a safe and economically viable manner?

2019 saw significant changes to the regulatory framework for brownfield projects in Alberta. The revamped Remediation Regulation imposes new deadlines for remediating and submitting reports, establishes a new regime for remediation certificates, and formally incorporates additional governmental guidance documents. The recent Environmental Appeals Board decision in the Cherokee-Domtar matter includes significant findings affecting the fundamentals of brownfield projects. Join Sean Parker for a discussion on what these legal developments mean for the future of brownfields in Alberta.

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