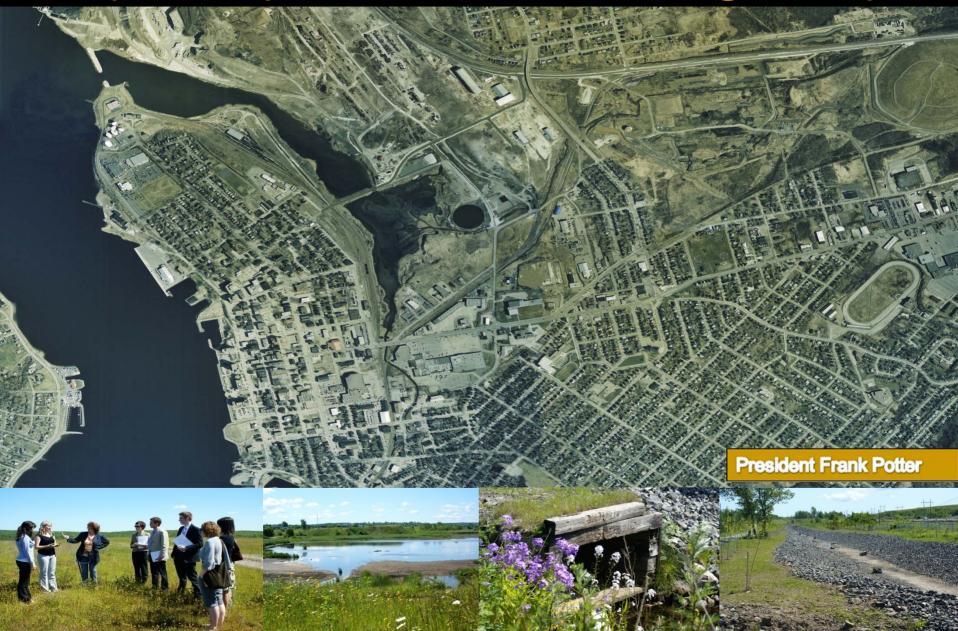
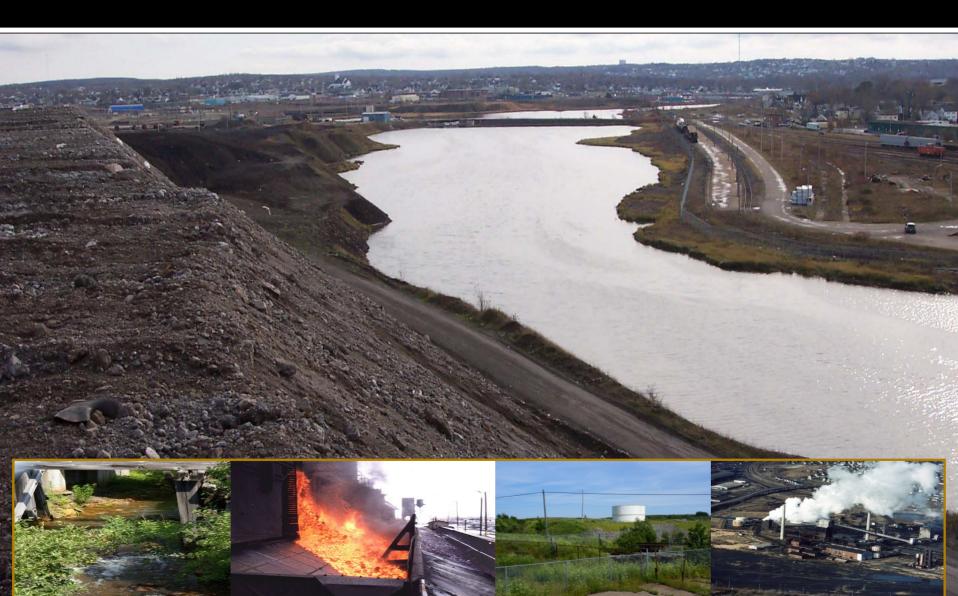
# Sydney Tar Ponds Agency



## Cape Breton Island



# Our Legacy





## **Our History**

- 1899 Dominion Iron and Steel Company Ltd. (DISCO) begins construction of steel plant on eastern shore of Wintering Cove in Sydney Harbour
- In 1968, the Province of Nova Scotia buys the plant and forms Sydney Steel Corp (Sysco)
- In 1968, Government of Canada buys Coke Ovens, forms the crown corporation Cape Breton Development Corporation (DEVCO)
- In 1973, Sysco takes over Coke Ovens from DEVCO
- In 1982, DFO find PAHs from the Tar Ponds in Sydney Harbour lobsters. The south arm of the harbour was closed – indefinitely

## Our History (cont.)

- Joint Action Group (JAG) formed in 1996 to conduct broad-based community consultation (more than 1,000 community meetings held)
- A \$400 million cost-share agreement between the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada was signed in 2004
- Three weeks of panel hearings were held in April 2006 to assess the project's Environmental Impact Statement
- The panel submitted its report in July, 2006; the cleanup plan was modified to reflect panel recommendations
  - Incineration
  - Landfarming
  - Air monitoring
- Governments approved the project in January, 2007

#### In Our Sites

#### **Tar Ponds**

- 33 hectares (81 acres)
- •700,000 tonnes of sediments contaminated with PAHs
- •45,000 tonnes of sediments contaminated with more than 50 ppm PCBs
- •30+ sewer outfalls
- •An average of 13 million litres per day of sanitary sewage

#### **Coke Ovens**

- •72 hectares (178 acres)
- 300,000 tonnes of soil contaminated with PAHs
  VOCs (no PCBs)
- •Tar cell at northwest corner of site contains 25,000 tonnes of coal tar



### **Our Plan**

#### Tar Ponds

- Cost: \$256 million
- Duration: 7 years
- Technology: Treat
   Material in place with
   stabilization and
   solidification, then
   encapsulate with a
   multi-layered,
   engineered cap

#### Coke Ovens

- Cost: \$144 million
- Duration: 6 years
- Technology: Treat contents of tar cell (25,000 tonnes) with solidification and stabilization, then encapsulate the rest of the site with a multilayered, engineered cap

### **Our partners**



**Cost-Share Agreement** 

**Government of Canada** \$280 million

Province of Nova Scotia \$120million

### **Our Community**

#### **Community Liaison Committee**

- A sounding board for governments
- •Representation from project stakeholders
- Meets with project managers monthly

#### **Local Economic Benefits**

 Tenders have a 15 percent weighting in each contract evaluation

#### **First Nations**

- •The first aboriginal set-aside project (the cooling pond) for the Province of Nova Scotia
- An aboriginal procurement strategy is being developed





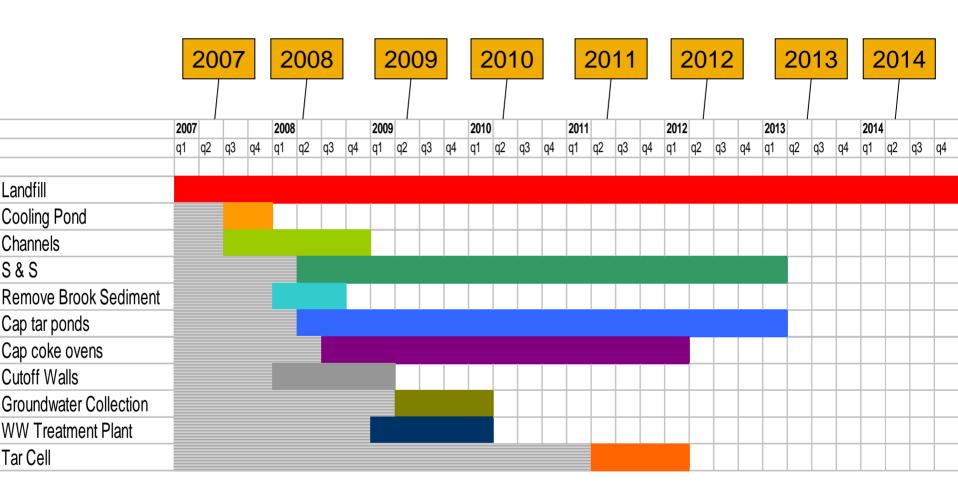












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