



April 22, 2021

The Municipality in the Province of Ontario

Re: **2021 National Public Works Week – "Strong Together"**

To Whom it Concerns,

Since 1960, public works officials in Canada and the United States have celebrated National Public Works Week (NPWW). This annual observance, which takes place during the third full week in May, is designed to educate the public regarding the importance of our nation's public infrastructure and services. It serves, moreover, as a time to recognize the contributions of public works professionals who, working in the public interest, build, manage and operate these essentials of our communities. The week is organized by the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) and the American Public Works Association (APWA).

The theme for the 2021 NPWW is "**Stronger Together**". This year's theme challenges our members and their citizens to think about the role public works plays in creating a great place to live. By working together, the impact citizens and public works professionals can have on their communities is magnified and results in the ability to accomplish goals once thought unattainable.

As a steward of a municipality in Ontario, the Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA) appeals to you to lend your support to our efforts by issuing a proclamation officially recognizing NPWW. Enclosed for your consideration is a draft proclamation template. We hope to have the proclamation from your municipality in our possession by Thursday May 13, 2021.

Together, the more than 30,000 members of CPWA and APWA in North America design, build, operate, and maintain the transportation, water supply, sewage and refuse disposal systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential to our economy and way of life. Their dedication and expertise at all levels of government are a capital investment in the growth, development, economic health—and ultimate stability—of the nation. Therefore, we believe it is in the provincial interest to honour those who devote their lives to its service.

An effective public works program requires the confidence and informed support of all our citizens. To help public works professionals win that confidence and support, it is the mission of CPWA and APWA to promote professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge.

Through a variety of public education activities conducted by CPWA, its chapters and individual public works agencies—particularly during National Public Works Week—tens of thousands of



adults and children have been shown the importance of the role of public works in society. The program also seeks to enhance the prestige of the professionals, operators and administrators serving in public works positions and to arouse the interest of young people to pursue careers in the field.

We as the Ontario Chapter, respectfully request that you join other Ontario municipalities in proclaiming the importance of public works to the quality of life in our Province and affirm the contributions of public works professionals.

Should you have questions, please contact me by phone at: 519-994-0117

Sincerely,

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Encl: 2021 Proclamation Template