



Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA)
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March 29, 2019

Via Email

Dear Mayor and Council:

**Re: 2019 National Public Works Week
May 19 – 25, 2019
"It Starts Here"**

Since 1960, public works officials in Canada and the United States have celebrated National Public Works Week. 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 work in the public interest to build, manage and operate the essential infrastructure and services of our communities. The week is organized by the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) and the American Public Works Association (APWA) and is being celebrated for its 59th year in 2019.

The theme for the 2019 National Public Works Week is "**It Starts Here**". This theme represents the many facets of modern civilization that grow out of the efforts put forth by the public works professionals across North America. What starts here? *Infrastructure* starts with public works... *Growth and innovation* starts with public works... *Mobility* starts with public works... *Security* starts with public works... *Healthy communities* start with public works... The bottom line is that citizens' quality of life starts with public works.

As a steward of your municipality's public interest, we appeal to you to lend your support to our efforts by issuing a proclamation officially recognizing May 19–25, 2019 as National Public Works Week. Enclosed for your consideration is a draft proclamation. We hope to have all proclamations in our possession by April 30, 2019.

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 national 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, and on behalf of CPWA and APWA, respectfully request that you join other Canadian and U.S. Municipalities in proclaiming the importance of public works to the quality of life in our nations and affirm the contributions of public works professionals.

Should you have questions, please contact me at:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Astorey".

Angela Storey
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Municipal Proclamation

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees from provincial and municipal governments and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in Canada to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities,

WHEREAS, the year 2018 marks the 58th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association and Canadian Public Works Association be it now,

RESOLVED, We, the Mayor and Council of **MUNICIPALITY** do hereby designate the week May 19–25, 2019 as National Public Works Week; I urge all our people to join with representatives of the Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Municipality to be affixed,

DONE at the _____, Ontario this _____ the day of _____ 2019.

Mayor