

# Inside Public Works

## Spring 2022

### President's Message

I hope this Spring newsletter finds all of you well. I am so excited to report that the Chapter has been very busy in **Connecting the Public Works Community** during the first quarter of 2022. Our committees and subcommittees have been rolling out events and initiatives. Our new **Diversity and Inclusion** committee launched a survey of our industry and received a robust response rate. I am so pleased with the engagement of our D&I committee and our Public Works community to be a progressive industry.



**PW Connects** monthly webinars continue to draw many attendees keen to learn about a variety of Public Works topics. The **33rd Annual Summit Expedition Board and Ski Day** was a tremendous success. It was so encouraging to attend this event and experience the buzz of the lodge with happy attendees reconnecting in person. Once again our Chapter **International Women's Day** event was inspirational, thought provoking and emotional. This event continues to be so vital and successful. This is a testament to the outstanding organizing committee's care to source out incredible presenters and put together an incredible program.

**Ready and Resilient** is the theme for the upcoming **National Public Works Week** starting May 15. Our Chapter will be celebrating NPWW with our **Annual Awards Lunch** on May 17 in Mississauga. Join us to network with your Public Works peers, enjoy lunch with our keynote speaker **OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique** and celebrate Project of the Year awards and a very special APWA Top Ten Leader award for **Peel Region's Kealy Dedman**.

Other upcoming events include our **Golf Day** on June 8 and **Technology Showcase** on June 15. Stayed tuned for email blasts to register for these events. There is more to come in late Summer and Fall with **PWX** in Charlotte North Carolina on August 28 to August 31 and finally our **Right of Way Conference** on October 25.

I am so glad to report that our **Membership** is increasing as we have many folks rejoin and new members join the Chapter. The positive impact of our Chapter for the Public Works community can also be seen by the substantial increase in Chapter **Sponsorship**. I would like to thank our Sponsors for their on-going support.

As you can see, there is lots of good news to report! The Chapter has shown early in 2022 that we are **Ready and Resilient** through our strategic committee work, successfully hosting both in person and virtual events and increasing membership and sponsorship. I wish everyone a **Happy National Public Works Week!**

Don Kudo  
President Ontario Public Works Association

### Save the Date

#### National Public Works Week

The "Ready & Resilient" theme highlights the ability of these professionals to perform regular public works duties and be ready at a moment's notice to react as first responders during natural disasters and overcome trials seen in the field.

**May**  
16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2022

**OPWA Golf Day**

**June 8**  
2022

**Technology Showcase**

**June 15**  
2022

**Aug**  
28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>  
2022



**Keep an eye out for additional upcoming events:**

- Monthly Education Webinars
- Right-of-way Conference

Visit <http://ontario.cpwa.net> for more events, times and locations.

#### Become an OPWA Member!

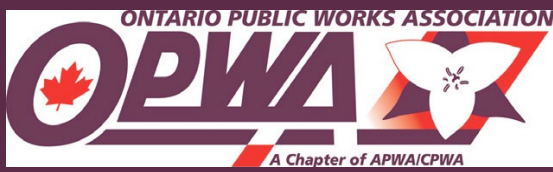
**Do you know someone who'd be interested in joining OPWA?**

Please have them reach out to us:  
[info@opwa.ca](mailto:info@opwa.ca)

There is a 50% discount for initial year membership.

### Recent Events

- **OPWA 2022 Annual General Meeting**
- **International Women's Day Seminar**
- **33rd Annual Summit Expedition**



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## Public Works Award Winners

**May 17<sup>th</sup> 2022**      **2022 Annual Awards Luncheon**

### APWA 2022 Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year Award

OPWA is thrilled to announce that Kealy Dedman, Peel Region’s Commissioner of Public Works, is a recipient of an APWA 2022 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year Award!

Kealy has over 25 years experience primarily in the public sector that has encompassed virtually all facets of public works.



In addition to her professional experience, Kealy’s involvement with OPWA, CPWA and APWA has been extensive. Her involvement at the Ontario Chapter has been all encompassing as an event organizer, committee volunteer, long time Board Director, Treasurer and Chapter President. From OPWA, Kealy moved on to be a leader on the national stage as a Board Director with CPWA and culminating as the CPWA President in 2014.

In short, the public works industry has benefitted from Kealy’s initiative, dedication and commitment.

OPWA awarded Kealy the Public Works Leader of the Year award in 2017. The Chapter nominated Kealy to be a recipient of the APWA Top Ten Public Works Leader Award and we are so pleased that she has won this prestigious award. Kealy will be presented her award by APWA Board member, Andrew Stevenson, at our NPWW Awards Lunch event on May 17, 2022 at the Mississauga Grand. Please join us to celebrate Kealy’s award presentation.

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## Sponsorships

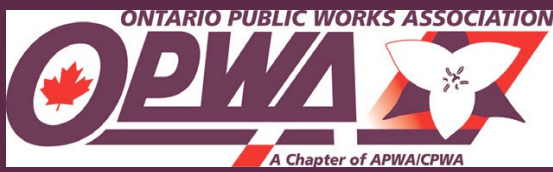


### Sponsorship

**Interested in becoming an OPWA Sponsor?** Please reach out to us: [info@opwa.ca](mailto:info@opwa.ca)

### Call for Volunteers!

**Looking to connect and/or volunteer with Public Works?** If you’re interested, please reach out to us: [info@opwa.ca](mailto:info@opwa.ca)



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## 2021 Public Works Award Winners

### Project of the Year Winners

#### Emergency

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##### Toronto

Lindylou Park Emergency Repairs

#### Structures

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##### Richmond Hill

Major Mackenzie Drive West Watermain Replacement

##### Richmond Hill

Lennox Park Revitalization and Pedestrian Bridge

##### MTO

Hwy 17B Duchesnay Creek Bridge Replacement

##### Ottawa

Combined Sewage Storage Tunnel

#### Historical

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##### Guelph

Locomotive 6167 Relocation

##### Guelph

Rehabilitation of the City of Guelph Waterworks Engine House/Pumping Station

#### Technical Innovation

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##### Peel Region

Bovaird Infiltration Facility

#### Management Innovation

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##### Wellington County

Badley Bridge Replacement

#### Environment

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##### Halton Region

Burloak Water Treatment Plant Membrane Replacement & Upgrade Project

##### Durham Region

Victoria Street Reconstruction and Widening

##### York Region

YDSS Forcemain Twinning Project

#### Transportation

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##### Clarington

Bowmanville Valley Trail Extension

##### Guelph

Niska Road and Bridge Reconstruction

##### Vaughan

Clark Avenue Active Transportation Facility (Multimodal Transportation, Operational and Road Safety Improvements)

##### York Region

Yonge Street Bus Rapid Transit Project

#### Small Municipality/ First Nations

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##### Shoal Lake #40 First Nation

Water Treatment Plant

##### Town of Pelham

Sulphur Springs Road Rehabilitation Design/Build