

Inside Public Works

Spring 2021

President's Message

This year continues as it started, with the weight of COVID-19 still upon us. However, the dosing of vaccinations is making headway and we await the lifting of these challenging times. Through it all, Public Works professionals have remained on the frontlines of community infrastructure to ensure operations and facilities continue to function. **Well done & Thank You!**



OPWA also remains focused to weather the storm and keep some normalcy to the functioning of the Chapter. Although a cliché now, the Chapter had to “pivot” in efforts to continue bringing value to our members. With purpose, the Chapter has worked to ensure it can deliver on the many events our members have come to expect and enjoy. For example, on March 5 the Chapter celebrated **International Women's Day** with over 250 attendees who participated virtually. The event continues to grow in interest and give pause for reflection.

In May, the Chapter will be hosting the **Ontario Public Works Technology Showcase** (formerly named the I.T. Symposium). This virtual event will carry presentations that highlight technology used within Public Works, and then finishes with an award presented for the best technology. May 16-22 marks **National Public Works Week (NPWW)** and the Chapter with its Branches will host several events to celebrate and recognize Public Works across Ontario. Does your Organization celebrate NPWW? Do you know the benefits of participating in NPWW? If the answers to these questions were “No”, then visit <http://ontario.cpwa.net/> to learn more about NPWW. How about – Want to recognize your Public Works employees for doing outstanding work? Learn more about NPWW.

This year's theme for Public Works is “**Stronger Together**”, a fitting realization that we are all in this together – some of us in more ways than others. Therefore, it is important for all of us to work together to accomplish the task at hand, and at times, support each other when emotions bear down. Now especially is the time for tolerance and patience.

OPWA members have much to offer each other: education, professional networking, public sector insights, mentorship and more. There are numerous opportunities to get involved with OPWA: volunteer with a Committee; attend our Events; Chapter sponsorship. **The key to your success is to be involved with OPWA.**

- Enrico P. Stradiotto -

Save the Date

National Public Works Week

May
16th – 22nd
2021

The theme is “Stronger Together” and challenges members to think about the role public works plays in creating a great place to live.

Ontario Public Works Technology Showcase

May
17th – 19th
2021

Keep an eye out for our upcoming events:

- Monthly Education Webinars
- OPWA Golf Day
- Right-of-way Conference
- YP Panel

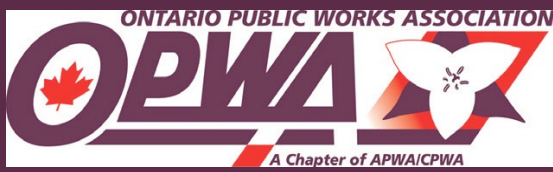
Visit <http://ontario.cpwa.net> for more events, times and locations.

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

There is a 50% discount for initial year membership.



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2020 Public Works Award Winners

Project of the Year Winners

- The City of Guelph
- The Region of Peel
- The City of Toronto
- Town of Lincoln
- Town of Petrolia
- City of Hamilton
- York Region

*Full project teams are shared on our website at ontario.cpwa.net

Individual Awards

- Wally Wells Young Leader Award: **Tanya Zlateva**
- Terry Hardy Exemplary Service Award: **Joe Johnson Jr.**
- Merit Award: **Chris Hamel**
- Top Public Works Leader of the Year: **Laura McDowell**

Call for Volunteers!

Looking to connect with Public Works? These committees need new members:

- Awards
- Education
- Membership
- Communications
- Special Functions
- Young Professionals

If you're interested, please reach out to us: info@opwa.ca

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