

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**for**

**2025**

**Presented at the Annual General Meeting  
January 22, 2026**



January 22, 2026

Dear OPWA Member/Supporter,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Public Works Association, we are pleased to submit this Annual Report for the year 2025. The report summarizes the various activities undertaken by the association over the past twelve months and provides information on future programs and events planned for the coming year.

OPWA is a vibrant and active Chapter of both the American Public Works Association and the Canadian Public Works Association. Our success as an association is the result of the time and efforts of the many individuals who serve on our Board and Committees. We are grateful to all who volunteer their time for such a worthwhile cause.

We are also extremely grateful to our corporate sponsors, without whom we could not hope to provide the level of service to members that we are currently able to do. We truly owe a huge debt of gratitude to these organizations. Please take a few moments to review the following pages which contain a detailed listing of all our 2025 Annual Sponsors.

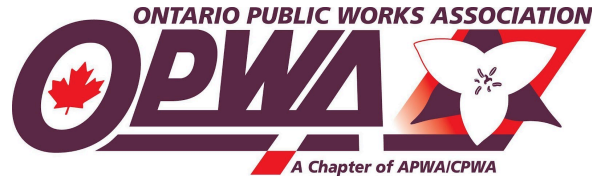
During 2025, OPWA continued to provide more opportunities to stay engaged with the membership than ever before. With virtual events such as the monthly Ontario Public Works Connects educational series, and the Annual General Meeting we were able to engage members regardless of geographical location. This year also saw the continuance of our in-person events, with our 36th Annual Ski/Snowboard Day, International Women's Day Seminar, Annual Awards Luncheon, Technology Showcase, Golf Day, Pride Day, Young Professionals Breakfast Forum and Arcade Networking Social, and the Annual Right of Way Management Conference. With these events we were able to engage thousands of attendees and were an overwhelming success with our membership. As we move into 2026, we anticipate that we will continue to offer online Webinars but will also focus on providing quality in-person events.

Thank you for joining us at our 2026 Annual General "Virtual" Meeting and for celebrating, along with your peers, Public Works in Ontario.

Regards,

Brian Barber, P.Eng.  
Executive Director



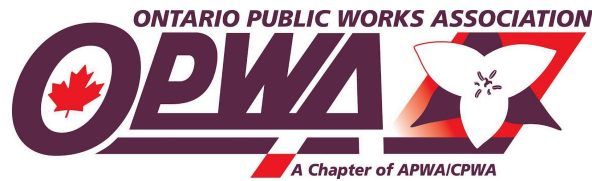


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## OPWA 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Max Ross, President
2. Confirmation of Quorum – Doug Keenie, Secretary
3. Approval of Minutes of 2025 Annual General Meeting – Doug Keenie, Secretary
4. President's Report – Max Ross, President
5. Treasurer's Report – Mariana Balaban, Treasurer
6. Report of the Nominating Committee – Denise McGoldrick, Chair of the Nominating Committee
7. Other Business
8. Transfer of Gavel – Max Ross/Marco Bertoia
9. Incoming President's Remarks – Marco Bertoia, 2026 President
10. Adjournment of Meeting



**Ontario Public Works Association  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Virtual Zoom Meeting  
January 23, 2025**

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Jennifer Rose, OPWA President, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

2. **Confirmation of Quorum**

OPWA Secretary Mariana Balaban confirmed that a quorum was present.

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on January 18, 2024 were included in the OPWA Annual Report for the year 2024 and posted on the OPWA website.

Approval moved by Enrico Stradiotto  
Seconded by Angela Carley  
**CARRIED**

4. **President's Report**

OPWA President Jennifer Rose presented the President's report, which was contained in the OPWA Annual Report for the year 2024. Jennifer provided a summary of the past year's activities, status of the chapter, and appreciation for the 2024 Board, Committees and Volunteers.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

OPWA Treasurer Denise McGoldrick, presented the Treasurer's Report, most current un-audited financial statements, and 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget.

Approval moved by Geoff Britnell  
Seconded by Mark Cavanaugh  
**CARRIED**

6. **Nominating Committee Report**

Doug Keenie, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee Report for 2025. The Report was included in the Notice of meeting, posted to the website and included in the OPWA Annual Report for the year 2024.



There were no further nominations received prior to the business meeting.

Approval moved by Ed Dujlovic  
Seconded by Don Kudo

**CARRIED**

7. **Other Business**

There was no other business

8. **Installation of 2025 President**

Outgoing President Jennifer Rose passed the gavel to President-Elect Max Ross, who assumed the Presidency of OPWA for the year 2025 in accordance with the association By-Laws. Following the transfer of the gavel, Max thanked Jennifer for the hard work and dedication over the past year and presented Jennifer with a plaque to commemorate the presidential term. Max then delivered a few brief remarks to the membership.

8. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the 2025 Annual General Meeting was tabled at 12:35 p.m.

Approval moved by Angela Storey  
Seconded by Mark Zamojc

**CARRIED**

Minutes Prepared by

Brian Barber  
Executive Director, OPWA



**OPWA Annual General Meeting  
January 22, 2026  
President's Report for 2025**

As we close out 2025, I want to extend heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the OPWA Board of Directors and Executive Committee to each of you who participated in our educational and social networking activities this year. Your engagement has made 2025 one of our most successful years in terms of attendance and participation.

This year was particularly significant as we celebrated OPWA's 60th anniversary—six decades of dedicated service to the public works community in Ontario. As the Ontario Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA), our members have made remarkable contributions to the advancement of public works and have greatly benefited from our partnership with APWA.

While many of us have been cautious about non-essential travel to the U.S., including attending APWA conferences, I want to assure you that APWA is fully aware of the current climate in Canada. They have committed to supporting Canadian Chapters as we continue our collaborative efforts. We are actively working with APWA to ensure that the services provided to OPWA members remain relevant and valuable. Stay tuned for updates as we progress through 2026.

This year also saw a strong interest in joining OPWA Committees, with many new volunteers eager to give back to their communities. Notably, many of these enthusiastic individuals are young professionals who chose to engage with our new committees focused on Community Outreach, Best Practices and Knowledge Sharing, Young Professionals, and Communications.

As the demographic landscape of public works practitioners evolves, we conducted a survey in 2025 to gather insights on how we can enhance the value we provide. The feedback received will guide us in shaping our future events and services.

Above all, I am continually inspired by the selfless dedication of our volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes on our committees and in our branches. Their unwavering commitment is what makes all that OPWA offers possible.

I would like to recognize a few exceptional volunteers who played a crucial role in advancing key OPWA initiatives this year:

- Laura Grimm, Aquatics & Fitness Program Supervisor, City of Brantford
- Tushar Patel, Manager, Operations Planning and Support, York Region
- Caroline Berryman, Program Manager, Departmental Communications, York Region



Serving as the President of the Ontario Public Works Association in 2025 has been a true honor. I look forward to continuing my involvement as Past President in 2026 and helping OPWA build on the successes we achieved this year.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling new year!

Warm regards,

Max Ross

2025 President, Ontario Public Works Association



**OPWA Annual General Meeting  
January 22, 2026  
Treasurer's Report for 2025**

**Treasurer's Report – Fiscal Year End 2024-2025**

This Treasurer's Report references the fiscal period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The 2024-2025 Budget was approved by the OPWA Board in June 2024 providing in essence a balanced budget with a projected surplus of \$408.00. During the 2024/2025 fiscal year, a significant decision was made to invest in a media consultant to develop and deliver communications plans and promotion activities associated with all OPWA's events and initiatives.

As a result of events being well attended, the support of annual sponsors, and prudent management of event and association expenditures, OPWA finished its fiscal year end 2024-2025 with a 25% reduced transfer from reserves of \$32,520.67.

As of June 30, 2025, OPWA is in a strong financial position as stated by its Balance Sheet, with cash assets in the bank account, plus investment assets of \$176,382.57

**2025-2026 Budget**

The OPWA Board approved a balanced budget of \$350,782 with the expectation of revenues from membership fees, in-person events, continued support of our annual sponsors, and transfer from reserves. The 2025-2026 fiscal year will include revenues and expenses from the Summit Expedition, Awards Luncheon, Technology Showcase, International Women's Day Event, Right of Way Management Conference, and Golf Day, as well as the continued engagement of a media consultant to assist with promotion of major events and initiatives.

I would like to express my thanks to the many people that have assisted me in the Treasurer position this past year, including OPWA's President Max Ross, Executive Director Brian Barber, Vice President and previous treasurer Denise McGoldrick, and the OPWA Executive Committee. I would also like to thank Wendy Gelman at JWS Business Services Inc for her financial services and bookkeeping assistance over the past year and the committee chairs and treasurers for their due diligence and fiscal prudence. Lastly, I'd like to thank Jay Cook and his team at APWA National for his ongoing support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mariana Balaban, OPWA Treasurer

## **2026 OPWA Executive Committee and Chapter Directors**

Report prepared by the Nominating Committee

In accordance with OPWA Bylaws, the Nomination Committee is pleased to report the following nominations for election in 2026. Nominated Executive Officers and Chapter Directors are to form the 2026 OPWA Board and will be voted on by OPWA membership at the 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in January 2026.

### **Executive Committee**

Position of President to be filled by Marco Bertoia, City of Toronto, who is the current President-Elect for 2025. Marco has indicated his willingness and ability to fill the position for a 1-year term in 2026.

The remaining Executive Officers nominated for election are:

- President-Elect (1-year term) - Denise McGoldrick, City of Kitchener
- Vice President (1-year term) - Mariana Balaban, Norfolk County
- Past President (1-year term) - Max Ross, Retired
- Treasurer (1-year term) - Erik Nickel, City of Niagara Falls
- Secretary (1-year term) - Margie Chung
- APWA Council of Chapters Ontario Delegate (1-year term) - Ed Dujlovic, Retired
- CPWA Director (2-year term) - Angela Storey, City of Hamilton

### **Chapter Directors**

Directors to continue on the Board for 2026 in the second year of their 2-year term (elected in 2024) are:

- Hiran Sandanayake, City of Ottawa
- Geoff Britnell, Dillon
- Joseph Petrunaro, Region of York
- Mark Cavanaugh, Region of Durham
- Mark Zamojc, GEI
- Tracey Anastacio, City of Brampton
- Doug Keenie, R.J. Burnside & Associates





New Directors nominated for election to begin a new 2-year term in 2026 are:

- Fariha Mannan, Region of Durham
- Angela Carley, TYLin
- Dave Ferguson, City of Brantford
- Enrico Stradiotto, Canadian Concrete Pipe & Precast Association
- Don Kudo, County of Wellington
- Haider Nasrullah, DeepRoot
- Philip Rowe, R.J. Burnside & Associates

To also serve on the Board for a 1-year term will be the OPWA Branch Chairs:

- Meghan MacSween, Parsons will be the 2026 Branch Chair for Ottawa Valley Branch (OVB)
- Steve Overend, CIMA+ is the current Branch Chair for West Central Branch (WCB) \*

\* WCB membership will nominate & vote for their 2026 Branch Chair by Spring 2026.

The OPWA Bylaws stipulate that the majority of the OPWA Board shall consist of public sector members. The proposed 2026 Board will have a total of twenty-four (24) members of which thirteen (13) are from the public sector (54%).

In accordance with the OPWA Bylaws, the names of nominees in this report will be made available to all voting members a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to the election. Chapter members may nominate additional candidates by filing a written notice to the President. The notice must be signed by the nominee plus ten (10) members and emailed to Brian Barber, OPWA Executive Director, [chapteradmin@ontario.apwa.org](mailto:chapteradmin@ontario.apwa.org). The notice must be received not less than five (5) days prior to the date of the 2026 AGM.

A vote of nominations by Chapter membership, if required, will be by show of hands by those members present at the 2026 AGM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise McGoldrick, OPWA Vice President  
Chair, Nominating Committee

November 17, 2025





## **2025 OPWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President	Max Ross, Retired
President-Elect	Marco Bertoia, Project Director, Strategic Capital Coordination Office, Office of the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Services, City of Toronto
Vice-President	Denise McGoldrick, General Manager, Infrastructure Services, City of Kitchener
Secretary	Doug Keenie, Executive Vice-President, Public Sector, R.J. Burnside & Associates
Treasurer	Mariana Balaban, Project Director, Engineering Environmental and Infrastructure Services Division, Norfolk County
APWA Council of Chapters Representative	Ed Dujlovic, Retired
CPWA Representative	Angela Storey, Director of Waste Management, Public works Department, City of Hamilton
Directors:	Enrico Stradiotto, Director of Engineering, Canadian Concrete Pipe and Precast Association Joseph Petrunaro, Director, Roads Traffic and Fleet, Operations Services, Public Works Department, Regional Municipality of York Margie Chung, Manager Traffic Engineering, City of Vaughan Mark Zamojc, Vice President, Infrastructure Planning Practice Lead, GEI Arup Mukherjee ARKim Solutions Inc. Tracey Anastacio, Street Light Technologist, Traffic Services, Public Works & Engineering, City of Brampton Mark Cavanaugh, Supervisor, Corridor Control, Works Department, Transportation Infrastructure Division, Regional Municipality of Durham Geoff Britnell, Director of Business Development - Water Infrastructure Solutions, FER-PAL Infrastructure Chris Anders, Director of Municipal Works (Acting), City of St. Catherines Fariha Mannan, Project Manager, Regional Municipality of Durham Angela Carley, Senior Project Manager, TYLIN Dave Ferguson, Manager of Arena and Aquatic Operations - Public Works, City of Brantford Don Kudo, County Engineer, County of Wellington Hiran Sandanayake, Manager of Water Resources Planning and Engineering Branch, City of Ottawa
Chair, Ottawa Valley	Robertson Gibb, Principle, Project Manager Water, R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd.
Chair, West Central	Steven Overend, Associate Partner/Senior Project Manager - Municipal and Transportation Design, CIMA+
Executive Director	Brian Barber, Ontario Public Works Association



**2025 STANDING COMMITTEES**

<p><b>Awards &amp; Recognition</b>          Enrico Stradiotto, (Chair), CCPPA          Denise McGoldrick, City of Kitchener          Tracey Anastacio, City of Brampton          Adam Lachhman, York Region          Michelle Moore, Town of Fort Erie          David Ferguson, City of Brantford          Sarah Paul, WSP</p>	<p><b>Best Practices and Knowledge Sharing</b>          Hiran Sandanayake, (Chair) City of Ottawa          Max Ross, Retired          Margie Chung, Independant          Indra Maharja, Arcadis          Richard Sitole, Colliers          Maha Saleh, City of Ottawa          Parmi Takk, City of Kitchener          Alice Lam, City of Markham</p>
<p><b>Community Outreach</b>          Tushar Patel (Chair), York Region          Max Ross, Retired          Hiran Sandanayake, City of Ottawa          Jason Chan, RV Anderson          Siva Kanaganathan, RV Anderson          Rebecca White, Engineers of Tomorrow</p>	<p><b>Engagement Committee</b>          Arumuga Ganesan, (Chair), RV Anderson          Max Ross, Retired          Evelyn Shrimpton, RV Anderson          Krishna Umasuthan, RV Anderson</p>
<p><b>Communications Committee</b>          Haider Nasrullah, (Chair), DeepRoot          Max Ross, (Chair) Retired          Fariha Mannan, Region of Durham          Mishaal Rizwan, RJ Burnside          Paulo Israel, City of Toronto          Sanwal Gilani, WTI          Lakshi Raj, RV Anderson          Ashley Ma, Independent          Tara Clayton, AECOM          Maha Saleh, City of Ottawa          Chinthujen Jeganathan, RV Anderson          Sathish Nagarajan, RV Anderson          Udila Pilanavithana, RV Anderson          Karthik Kuntrapaku, RV Anderson</p>	<p><b>Education Committee</b>          Tricia Hamilton, (Chair) OFNTSC          Enrico Stradiotto, CCPPA          Alexander Andrenkov, Halton Region          Bavendan Paramsothy, RV Anderson          Don Kudo, County of Wellington          Philip Rowe, RJ Burnside &amp; Associates          Brian Lima, City of Windsor          Brent Pumple, Pedestal Solutions</p>



Catalina Tapias, RV Anderson	
<b>Right-of-Way Committee (Executive)</b> Laurie Leblanc, (Chair), T2 Utility Engineers Renzo Baldassi, (Vice Chair), City of Barrie Mark Cavanaugh, Durham Region Sharmila Krushna Kumar - Telecon	<b>Membership Committee</b> Doug Keenie, (Chair), R.J. Burnside Don Kudo, County of Wellington Denise McGoldrick, City of Kitchener Hiran Sandanayake, City of Ottawa Brian Barber, OPWA

**2025 AD HOC COMMITTEES**

<b>International Women’s Day Event Committee</b> Angela Carley, TYLin Mariana Balaban, Norfolk County Alyson Bowden, Newmarket Astrid Catz, Jacobs Kate Pauw, WSP Andrea Pitura, Arup Tara Clayton, AECOM Andrea Counsel, Jacobs Joanne Starr, City of Hamilton	<b>Nominating Committee</b> Denise McGoldrick, (Chair), City of Kitchener Max Ross, Retired Doug Keenie, RJ Burnside Brian Barber, OPWA
<b>Technology Showcase Event Committee</b> Bill Brooker, (Chair), RV Anderson Tina Keochanh, GEI Brian Barber, OPWA James Burns, GEI	<b>Special Functions Committee</b> Angela Storey, (Chair) City of Hamilton Geoff Britnell, Dillon Mark Zamojc, GEI Jeff Johnson, Labrie Group Zoran Postic, City of Vaughan
<b>Young Professionals Committee</b> Haider Nasrullah, (Chair), DeepRoot Max Ross, Retired Fariha Mannan, Region of Durham Sanwal Gilani, WT Infrastructure Kathleen Vijayakumar, RV Anderson Mishaal Rizwan, RJ Burnside	



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## OPWA Awards Committee Annual Report

<b>Report By:</b>	Denise McGoldrick	<b>Report Date:</b>	January 2026
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Chris Anders	<b>Board Liaison:</b>	Denise McGoldrick
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Tracey Anastacio, Michelle Moore, Adam Lachhman		

### COMMITTEE SUMMARY

#### OPWA Annual Awards Luncheon 2025: Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence

The Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA) marked a milestone this year with its 60th Anniversary, celebrated at the Annual Awards Luncheon, held on May 22, 2025, during National Public Works Week. The prestigious event brought together municipal leaders, engineers, contractors, and innovators to recognize outstanding achievements that continue to shape Ontario's infrastructure and communities.

Hosted at the Mississauga Grand Banquet and Event Centre, the luncheon began with networking followed by a keynote address from Sabine Matheson of StrategyCorp, a trusted advisor to provincial and municipal leaders. Matheson's speech explored the impact of global trade policies on public infrastructure projects, highlighting how tariffs and economic uncertainty challenge governments and contractors—and offering strategies to mitigate risks through adaptation and innovation.

The awards ceremony, spotlighted projects and individuals who exemplify the values of public works. Categories included:

- Engineering Excellence – recognizing technical innovation and sustainable design.
- Construction Achievement – honoring projects that overcame complex challenges.
- Innovation in Public Works – celebrating creative solutions that improve efficiency and community outcomes.
- Public Service Leadership – acknowledging individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to advancing public works.

This year's winners included municipalities and organizations across Ontario, highlighted on OPWA's website: [Awards – APWA Ontario Chapter](#)

Beyond the awards, the luncheon served as a reminder of the critical role public works professionals play in building resilient communities. Attendees reflected on six decades of OPWA's leadership, with the event doubling as a celebration of the association's 60th anniversary.



The OPWA Annual Awards Luncheon continues to be a cornerstone event for Ontario's public works sector. By recognizing excellence and fostering collaboration, the OPWA ensures that innovation and service excellence remain at the forefront of infrastructure development. As Ontario faces evolving challenges—from climate adaptation to global trade shifts—the achievements celebrated at the 2025 luncheon underscore the importance of resilient, forward-thinking public works.

The 2026 OPWA Awards nomination application process opens on January 22, 2026. Stay tuned for more information on how to submit your nomination for public works initiatives happening in your organization and plan to join your peers at the 2026 Annual Awards Luncheon on May 13, 2026.



**OPWA Communications Committee  
Annual Report**

<b>Report By:</b>	Max Ross	<b>Report Date:</b>	January 2026
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Haider Nasrullah	<b>Board Liaison:</b>	Max Ross
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Co-Chair: Fariha Mannan, Vice Chair: Mishaal Rizwan, Vice-Chair: Paulo Israel, Vice-Chair: Tushar Patel, Sanwal Gilani, Lakshi Raj, Ashley Ma, Tara Clayton, Maha Saleh, Chinthujen Jeganathan, Sathish Nagarajan, Udila Pilanavithana, Karthik Kuntrapaku, Catalina Tapias, Caroline Berryman, Destiny Oakley, Rebecca Bigioni		

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

**Committee Update**

The mandate of the Communications Committee is:

- To increase awareness and promotion of public works through various communication initiatives
- Transform communication processes to be affordable, more effective, more efficient and capable of supporting future growth in events/activities
- Support OPWA committees in promoting non-revenue generating events/activities on social media and on the OPWA website
- Be subject matter experts on the OPWA media services processes and support all committees on media services matters
- Support the Education Committee in hosting OPW Connects webinars
- Promote public works and the association in general to members and potential members across Ontario

**Highlights and Activities**

In 2025 the key focus of the Communication Committee was to develop a new strategy to transform current communications processes to be affordable, more effective, more efficient and sustainable in supporting future growth. The strategy was adopted by the Board of Directors and a contract with a new media services provider, Moxie Media and Design was finalized in July.

The strategy is centered on a standard framework for formally planning how an event is to be promoted and having that plan accessible to the team providing media services for the event. OPWA committees were asked to prepare a communication plan for their event(s), including specific information on objectives, stakeholders, key messages and communication tactics. The York Region team, Tushar Patel, Caroline Berryman, Destiny Oakley and Rebecca Bigioni, hosted information sessions with OPWA Committee leaders. Communication plans were prepared for 34 OPWA events/activities requiring promotion on social media and the OPWA website.



The strategy utilizes shared documents and databases to make information accessible. Where possible, databases are linked to OPWA webpages and processes are automated to minimize data entry duplication. KPI's are easily generated from the databases to help us identify areas for improvement, i.e. a) the date event promotion actually started vs the planned start date, b) the no. of social media posts we sent out in a given period, c) OPW Connects webinar topics that generated high attendance, are a few examples.

Moxie Media and Design began work in July and very quickly became familiarized with the new strategy. Since August, Moxie Media and Design has served as the media services provider for all OPWA activities. Promotional material was drafted, reviewed and approved by the corresponding event committee, and posted on social media channels and on the OPWA website. All in accordance with the communication plan for the event.

In addition to serving as the media services provider, Moxie Media and Design worked closely with our APWA partners to modernize the way OPWA events are presented on the OPWA website. A new "Live" OPWA Calendar of Events was also added to the website. This calendar presents all OPWA events currently contemplated for 2026. The calendar will be updated as the year progresses and events are confirmed.

The effort to create and maintain communication plans has proved to be worthwhile. With the adoption of the new communication strategy, to-date:

- We have been able to promote more events at a significantly lower cost;
- Media promotion for our events is well planned, allowing promotion campaigns to be more effective;
- Roles and expectations are clearly outlined. Communication between the committee hosting the event and the media services team promoting the event is streamlined and more efficient;
- Information generated in the process of promoting the event/activity is stored in standardized folders and is accessible to Committee members and Board members.

Beginning April 2026, Moxie Media and Design will support OPWA revenue generating activities and the OPWA Communications Committee will serve as the media service provider for non-revenue generating activities.

In the second half of 2025 the Communications Committee saw a significant increase from 5 members to 18 members. We expect this increase will allow the Committee to sustainably address the growth in the no. of non-revenue generating events the Committee is mandated to support: hosting 7 to 10 OPW Connects webinars and media services support for 25 non-revenue generating activities.

### **Goals for 2026**

Continue to support all OPWA committee leaders in reviewing and updating the committee's event Communication Plan

The Communications Committee Chair and the Communications Contractor, Moxie Media and Design will continue to work together in 2026 to on-board the new Communications Committee members. We expect on-boarding to be completed in spring. This will ensure consistency in the way support is provided to OPWA



committees to promote activities on social media and on the OPWA website.

The Communications Committee will begin promoting all OPWA non-revenue generating events beginning in spring 2026.

Moxie Media and Design will continue supporting revenue generating events.

The Communications Committee will continue to work closely with the Education Committee to support 2026 OPW Connects webinars.

Continue to work with APWA representatives and OPWA Branch leaders to streamline the process for posting information on the OPWA website.



**OPWA Education Committee  
Annual Report**

<b>Report By:</b>	Brian Barber	<b>Report Date:</b>	January 2026
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Tricia Hamilton	<b>Board Liaison:</b>	Enrico Stradiotto
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Tricia Hamilton, Enrico Stradiotto, Alexander Andrenkov, Bavendan Paramsothy, Don Kudo, Philip Rowe, Max Ross, Brian Lima, Brent Pumple		

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

**Highlights and Activities for 2025**

The Education Committee remains hard at work, hosting OPWA Connects Webinars for public works topics that are relevant to our members. In 2025, we hosted 7 free webinars, with topics including meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities, EV charging stations for beginners, and respecting tree resources.

This year, we also worked with some legal and contract law experts to host sessions on contract refereeing, liquidated damages, and construction law updates. Our past sessions are available as a resource [OPWA Webinar Recordings](#)

- Liquidated Damages or Penalty Clause – A Fine Line -151 registrations - March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Construction Dispute Resolution Challenges? Is utilizing a Project Referee the answer? - 291 registrations – March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Construction Law Update: Navigating the Latest Developments and Trends - 153 registrations - April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Trees and Construction - Designing and Constructing Projects while Respecting Tree Resources - 212 registrations – April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Meaningful Engagement with Indigenous Communities- 77 registrations – May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for Beginners- 67 registrations – June 25<sup>th</sup>
- Updates to CCDC Contracts- 85 registrations – September 24<sup>th</sup>

Webinars are recorded and posted to the OPWA website.

We would like to thank our past speakers and attendees. The Education Committee is always looking for new topics that are relevant to public works professionals, which can be new changes, design tips, or project profiles and lessons learned. Please feel free to email [thamilton@ofntsc.org](mailto:thamilton@ofntsc.org) with any potential topics for the committee to consider



**OPWA Best Practices and Knowledge Sharing Committee  
Annual Report**

<b>Report By:</b>	Max Ross	<b>Report Date:</b>	January 2026
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Hiran Sandanayake	<b>Board Liaison:</b>	
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Max Ross, Margie Chung, Indra Maharja, Richard Sitole, Maha Saleh, Parmi Takk, Alice Lam		

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

**Internationally Educated Professionals Mentorship Initiative**

Employers, including municipalities and private agencies in the public works sector, struggle to find the right skilled candidate to fulfil their needs to deliver infrastructure and other public works services here in Ontario and across Canada. Many of these employers are actively looking to hire diverse talents to enhance the strength of their organization.

In recent years, Canada has welcomed more than 1 million immigrants to this country. Many of them are skilled and experienced professionals with graduate degrees in science, engineering and architecture, with experience acquired in various countries around the world. These internationally educated professionals (IEPs) are struggling to find employment in Canada in their field. Many join various bridging programs offered by colleges and settlement agencies to gain technical and career knowledge required to land their first professional job in Ontario.

OPWA's Best Practices and Knowledge Sharing Committee (a subgroup of the former EDI Committee) began work on a new initiative in 2024 aimed at assisting IEPs to make connections in the public works community in Ontario. The initiative actions key recommendations from the report "Attracting Internationally Educated Professionals (IEPs) in Public Works in Ontario" that was prepared by Indra Maharjan (dated July 2024).

In 2025 the Committee advanced progress on this initiative with a focus on:

- Building a team to manage the many tasks required to develop this program;
- Consulting other APWA Chapters that have successfully established mentoring programs for the benefit of this future program;
- Developing a pilot program that will provide opportunities for IEPs to make connections in public works, and structure the program to be open to all, including practitioners who are not IEP's. The pilot program aims to provide IEP's with opportunities to attend and participate in OPWA events, networking opportunities and mentoring;
- Exploring agreements with partner organizations to have the IEP Mentorship pilot program available in eastern Ontario as well as the GTA.

Stay tuned for more information as development of the program progresses in 2026.



## OPWA Young Professionals Committee Annual Report

<b>Report By:</b>	Sanwal Gilani	<b>Report Date:</b>	January 2026
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Haider Nasrullah	<b>Board Liaison:</b>	
<b>Committee Members:</b>			

### COMMITTEE SUMMARY

#### Breakfast Forum – April 3rd 2025

The OPWA Young Professionals Committee hosted a Breakfast Forum that brought together emerging professionals from across the municipal sector for a morning of learning, conversation, and connection. The event featured insightful presentations on Digital Twins by Ra’ad Rihani (T.Y. Lin International Canada), exploring their evolving role across design, construction, and operations, as well as an in-depth overview of the Coxwell Bypass Tunnel by Matthew McGrath, P.Eng. (R.V. Anderson Associates Limited), highlighting key design and construction aspects of one of Toronto’s most significant wet weather infrastructure projects. Facilitated networking sessions, interactive games, and prize giveaways created a fun and engaging environment for young professionals to connect, share experiences, and build relationships within the municipal works community.

#### Arcade Networking Social – August 21st 2025

The OPWA Young Professionals Committee hosted a Summer Arcade Networking Social at Tilt Arcade Bar, offering a relaxed and engaging setting for young professionals to connect outside of the traditional conference environment. Attendees enjoyed classic arcade games and light refreshments while networking with peers from across the municipal and public works sector. The event fostered meaningful connections and highlighted the YP Committee’s ongoing efforts to build an inclusive, connected, and engaged community of emerging professionals across Ontario.

#### Habitat for Humanity Build Day – Summer 2026

The OPWA Young Professionals Committee is planning a Habitat for Humanity Build Day for Summer 2026, offering members a hands-on opportunity to give back to the community while connecting with fellow public works professionals. More details, including registration information, will be shared in the new year, stay tuned for upcoming announcements!



**OPWA Community Outreach Committee  
Annual Report**

<b>Report By:</b>	Tushar Patel	<b>Report Date:</b>	January 2026
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Tushar Patel	<b>Board Liaison:</b>	
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Max Ross, Hiran Sandanayake, Jason Chan, Siva Kanaganathan, Rebecca White		

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

**OPWA School Outreach Initiative**

The OPWA School Outreach Initiative aims to inform young people about the many areas of public works and to encourage them to consider a career in public works.

This activity supports diversity and is consistent with Our Values. The public works practitioners working with us to deliver this program in Ontario classrooms reflect the diversity of our public works community. The program is open to all children in participating schools. A KPI for the program is the provision of opportunities for children from ALL backgrounds, including backgrounds that have historically been underrepresented in public works, to see themselves in leadership roles in public works.

Building on the success of the 2024 School Outreach Program, in 2025 the Community Outreach Committee focused on planning an expansion of the program to reach children in more schools across Ontario. In 2025 OPWA established a partnership with Engineers of Tomorrow (EoT) to promote engineering and public works in Ontario schools. Through the partnership, children will be provided learning opportunities via in-class presentations, interactive participation in focused activities, local field trips and Q and A's with OPWA public works practitioners.

This strategic partnership with EoT leverages OPWA's vast network of public works practitioners and EoT's established programs in schools across Ontario and Canada, such as the "Future City Experience" .

Look for more information about this important initiative as we launch the partnership program in late spring.



**OPWA Membership Committee  
Annual Report**

<b>Report By:</b>	Doug Keenie	<b>Report Date:</b>	January 2026
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Doug Keenie	<b>Board Liaison:</b>	
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Denise McGoldrick, Don Kudo, Brian Barber, Hiran Sandanayake		

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

OPWA's Membership Committee is looking forward to an exciting 2026 with a focus on activating our members while continuing to build relationships within the public works community! In collaboration with other OPWA Committees and our recent 2025 Member Survey, the Membership Committee will be looking to connect with both new and longtime members. Through outreach and engagement with our members, we want to ensure that you are receiving high value for your involvement and membership within OPWA!

The Membership Committee will be visible and active at our events in 2026 to collaborate with our current members and meet potential new ones. We recognize the importance of bringing new people into OPWA including the Young Professionals who are the future of our industry and association.

The OPWA currently have 446 members from across Ontario, and we are looking to continue to build our membership. Whether you are a member of OPWA or not, we are looking to tap into your interest and passion for Public Works in 2026! Please think about getting involved with OPWA in 2026 in one of the following ways: joining one of our committees (including the Membership Committee), attending and/or helping at one of our events, becoming a member or by bringing along or referring a colleague to OPWA. We look forward to seeing you in 2026!

**OPWA Special Functions Committee  
Annual Report**

<b>Report By:</b>	Angela Storey	<b>Report Date:</b>	January 2026
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Angela Storey	<b>Board Liaison:</b>	Mark Zamojc
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Event Chairs: Geoff Britnell, Jeff Johnson, Zoran Postic, Mark Zamojc		

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

The purpose of the Special Functions Committee is to organize various events on behalf of the OPWA Chapter Board. The Committee endeavors to:

- Ensure all events are run in accordance with APWA requirements and bylaws
- Ensure insurance and waiver requirements are appropriately secured through the Board, as and when required
- Identify new opportunities for networking
- Ensure accounting for events is completed in a timely manner

**Highlights and Activities**

The OPWA Special Functions Committee put on two networking events for members in 2025. The following events were held in 2025: Ski Day, and Golf Day.

The following provides a summary of the financials related to each event.

Ski Day (February 2025)	Location: Osler Bluff Attendees: 280 Ticket and Sponsorship Revenue: \$58,602 Event expenses: \$50,822 Profit for the event: \$7,780
Golf Day (June 2025)	Location: Flamborough Hills Golfers: 104 Ticket and Sponsorship Revenue: \$21,059 Event expenses: \$21,354 Profit for the event: (\$295)
PWX Networking (August 2025)	This event did not occur in 2025 as only a limited number of OPWA members were able to attend PWX in Chicago.



**Committee Goals for 2026**

**GOAL 1. Develop criteria to analyze event success – including budget.**

Action(s):

1. Set event specific goals that are measurable including attendance, financial and membership growth
2. Set event specific purpose to provide value to members and sponsors and opportunities to target specific industry sectors, groups, sponsors and members

**GOAL 2. Critically examine events based on criteria.**

Action(s):

1. Produce event reports with details on goal measurement and purpose with recommendations for future events

**GOAL 3. Explore a new event to focus on different sector and location**

Action(s):

1. Create based on member feedback, a new event in 2026 with strategic focus on new sector/location
2. Review previous event attendee and sponsor list to facilitate strategic advertising

The Special Functions Committee looks forward to seeing you at our events in 2026!

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## OPWA Engagement Committee Annual Report

<b>Report By:</b>	Arumuga Ganesan	<b>Report Date:</b>	January 2026
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Arumuga Ganesan	<b>Board Liaison:</b>	
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Arumuga Ganesan, (Chair), Max Ross, Evelyn Shrimpton, Krishna Umasuthan		

### COMMITTEE SUMMARY

We are excited to share the results of our 2025 OPWA Member Survey!

With 100 responses collected, we've gained insights into who our members are and how we can better serve you this year.

Over half of our respondents hold management or executive roles, bringing interest/expertise in fields ranging from energy utilities, facilities and fleet to stormwater/water/wastewater, and transportation.

Your feedback highlighted a clear interest in two key conference themes:

- Innovative Technologies and Smart Solutions (with a huge interest in AI)
- Leadership, Team Building, and Mentorship

Some honourable mentions also go to: Water, Wastewater, and Utility Management, Asset and Infrastructure Management Best Practices, Project Delivery Current Issues and Best Practices, and Legal and Regulatory Developments Affecting Public Works.

You also shared a strong preference for in-person sessions held in the West GTA during the winter, specifically focusing on technical sessions and case studies.

We are thrilled to report that over 70% of you are satisfied or very satisfied with your membership! For those who feel we have room to grow, we hear you. We are dedicated to improving your experience and providing more value in the areas you care about most especially in sharing and learning best practices.

While most members currently join us for events 1–2 times a year, we hope to see you even more often as we roll out new programming based on your recommendations.

Thank you for your time, your feedback, and your continued dedication to the Ontario Public Works Association.

We look forward to a fantastic 2026!



**OPWA Right of Way Committee  
Annual Report**

<b>Report By:</b>	Brian Barber	<b>Report Date:</b>	January 2025
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Laurie Leblanc	<b>Board Liaison:</b>	Mark Cavanaugh
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Executive: Laurie Leblanc – Chair, T2 Utility Engineers Renzo Baldassi – Vice Chair, City of Barrie Sharmila Krishna Kumar – Secretary – Telecon Mark Cavanaugh – OPWA Liaison – Durham Region  Please refer to <a href="https://rowmanagement.ca/row-management-conference-sub-committee/">https://rowmanagement.ca/row-management-conference-sub-committee/</a> for a complete list of members.		

**COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

The ROW Committee’s mandate is to develop relationships, knowledge and best practices that will educate users and stakeholders on the efficient use and management of the public right-of-way. To facilitate this, the ROW Committee is comprised of the 5 following subcommittees –ROW Management Conference, Data Intelligence and Information Sharing, Environmental, Permits, and Public Utility Coordination Management. The ROW Committee itself (along with all members of each subcommittee) meets twice a year (Spring and Fall) to discuss mandates and progress within the Committee as a whole.

**2025 OPWA Right-of- Management Conference, Future Ready - Navigating Tomorrow Today**

The 2025 OPWA Right-of-Way Management Conference was a tremendous success! This sold-out event brought together over 300 professionals from across the province to share ideas, innovations, and best practices in right-of-way management. Held on October 14th and 15th at the Deer Creek Banquet Facility in Whitby, attendees enjoyed two days of networking, engaging presentations, and insightful discussions, with excellent feedback received on both the speakers and session topics.

Thank you to everyone who attended, presented, and supported this year’s conference. We look forward to seeing you later this year - October 14 & 15, 2026.



### **Award Winners**

A highlight of the event was the presentation of three Right of Way Management OPWA Scholarship Awards, recognizing outstanding students pursuing careers in public works and related fields.

Our 2025 ROW Scholarship Winners were:

- University: Anissa Kotecha, MacMaster University
- College: Fiona Moore, Humber College
- High School: Sarah Baker, University of Ottawa

We also recognized the partnership of some wonderful companies as milestone partners:

- Transnomis – recognized for 5 years of exhibiting
- 4Sight Utility Engineers and Vivax Metrotech – recipients of the Crystal Award for 5 years of sponsorship



Date: January 5, 2026  
Report to: Ontario Public Works Association Board and Membership

From: Angela Storey, BBA  
CPWA Board Member, Ontario

Re: Canadian Public Works Association Report on Activities - 2025

The Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) is a Committee of the international American Public Works Association (APWA). The CPWA Representative is a member of the OPWA Executive Board. I have the privilege of representing the OPWA on the CPWA Board of Directors for a third term running from September 2025 - August 2027. The CPWA Board of Directors is composed of eight representatives appointed by the Canadian Provincial Chapters of APWA. The focus of CPWA is national advocacy and outreach for public works in Canada.

Between September 2024 and August 2025, the CPWA Board of Directors convened three times by web meeting and once in person in Ottawa, ON in April 2025. The annual meeting normally held during PWX was cancelled in August 2025 as there were not enough Canadian CPWA Board members attending PWX in Chicago. For 2026, CPWA has four meetings currently planned and will also be getting together in person twice, once in Ottawa and once at PWX.

Please see the following activities and accomplishments by the CPWA board during the past year.

1. Participated in the Finance Department's pre-budget consultation in March 2025 and the House Finance Committee's pre-budget consultation in August 2025.
  - Both submissions focused on CPWA's three priorities of emergency management and disaster mitigation, climate resilient infrastructure, and water resilience.
  - In light of the trade war instigated by newly-elected President Donald Trump, CPWA's submission also included a recommendation on responding to the U.S. tariff threat to ensure that any potential infrastructure stimulus spending included a focus on renewal of existing infrastructure.
  - CPWA also made a new recommendation in light of the recently passed "One Canadian Economy Act" geared to breaking down interprovincial trade barriers, and speeding up approvals processes for major projects. CPWA recommended that the Government of Canada "ensure that municipalities have early input on the planning phase of project reviews in the context of "one project, one review" to make use of vital local knowledge and avoid negative local zoning, community, and environmental impacts."



2. Following Public Safety Canada's consultation on the Public Safety Broadband Network, a "What We Heard" was made available: [Building Consensus: A Governance Framework for a Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network \(PSBN\)](#). CPWA was pleased to see that our recommendations have been reflected in the report, including aspects such as:
  - Leveraging existing resources and infrastructure where possible to reduce costs and accelerate implementation timelines.
  - Drawing lessons from international experiences, such as the U.S. FirstNet rollout, to avoid service disruptions and address challenges early.
  - Regardless of the chosen model, there was a common view that the governance structure should be established promptly and include all stakeholders to balance the interests in both the nationwide PSBN and the unique regional needs of public safety users.
  - Many stressed the need for public safety entities, including emergency responders, to have a strong voice within that structure.
  
3. The CPWA board of directors met virtually with senior officials from the Ministry of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) to share CPWA's priorities and to hear more about the government's new budget initiatives. This meeting resulted in CPWA getting an advance copy of the methodologies that HICC is considering to implement a "Buy Canadian" policy for public works. A questionnaire will later be distributed to CPWA members to gather more information for this initiative.

CPWA will continue to provide our membership with resources to keep you informed and support your day-to-day activities. Please follow along at:

1. Our web site [www.cpwa.net](http://www.cpwa.net)
2. Our CPWA Fact Sheets
3. Our regular CPWA Ottawa Report
4. Our CPWA community on APWA Connect
5. Our Twitter Feed @cpwatweets

I am looking forward to participating in the advocacy action items in 2026 and reporting back to the OPWA Board and membership on the accomplishments.

Thank you,

Angela Storey



**To: The Board of the Ontario Public Works Association**

**From: Ed Dujlovic  
APWA Council of Chapters (Ontario Representative)**

**Re: 2025 Delegate of Chapters Report**

### **Council of Chapters Update January 2026**

The Council of Chapters is comprised of one delegate from each of the 63 APWA Chapters. Members of the council serve APWA as advisors to the Board of Directors, Executive Director, Technical Committees, Tasks Forces, and staff in support of the mission of APWA in accordance with the association's bylaws and parliamentary procedures. Delegates also function as a conduit in sharing the opinions and ideas of their chapters and serving as points of contact at the local (chapter and branch), regional, and national levels for the dissemination of information to and from members.

The mission of the Council of Chapters is to increase the effectiveness of the association by:

- Advising the Board of Directors, the Executive Director, staff, and Chapters on goals, strategies, and issues that are referred to by the Council.
- Supporting the APWA Strategic Plan and influencing changes for the betterment of the association.
- Supporting Chapter-to-Chapter mentoring and development of best practices to strengthen the services delivered in each chapter.
- Communicating member issues among the local, regional, and national levels
- Identifying dedicated members for active participation within the association.

### **Council of Chapters Meeting February 5-6, 2025**

I attended the Council of Chapters meeting in Kansas City on February 5-6, 2025. The format was changed for this meeting. In previous years the group would be split between new board members who would have education sessions and the Council of Chapter members to discuss issues. This year we were combined. A large majority of those attending preferred this format over what was done in past years.

APWA is focusing on three policy areas, Transportation, Water Resiliency and recognition of public works staff as First Responders.

**Fonteva**

APWA is continuing to work to increase data accuracy of the association management software. APWA has hired a project management firm that specializes in software implementation to ensure that Fonteva delivers on what is expected by APWA. The APWA Board did approve a payment of approximately \$263,000 to Chapters based on what their membership numbers were before the implementation of Fonteva. APWA staff are working on getting members back that did not get renewal notices. The current focus is on Chapter data with Branch data to follow.

## **Membership**

There will be future training sessions on membership recruitment once the issues with Fonteva are resolved. APWA is working on developing recruitment flyers. Currently the APWA has an onboarding program for new members. This involves a series of emails that are sent to them. Unfortunately, the Chapter is not copied on these emails. As APWA was asking for input throughout the 2 days I asked that the Chapter be included in the emails so that we could also reach out to the new members as well.

## **Continuing Education Unit (CEU)**

APWA is accredited by the International Association for Continuing Education & Training (IACET). APWA complies with the ANSI/IACET Standard which is recognized internationally as a standard of excellence for instructional practices. As a result of this accreditation APWA is authorized to issue the IACET CEU. Chapters may issue CEUs for their events if prior approval has been given by APWA Education & Credentialing team. The cost for a workshop/seminar is \$35, and the request should be submitted 6 weeks in advance. CEU's are available to both members and non-members. A non-member would have to set up an account with APWA. More information can be found at <https://www.apwa.org/education-careers/education/continuing-education-units/> along with the link to the form to be filled out.

## **Pakpour Consulting Group Young Leader of the Year Award**

The Pakpour Consulting Group Young Leader of the Year Award is the new name for what was previously called the Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year Award.

APWA extends sincere gratitude to the Calkins family for their generous support over the years. Their commitment helped shape this award into one of APWA's most meaningful recognitions of emerging leaders in public works.

While the award criteria will remain the same, additional funding is now available thanks to the generous donation from Pakpour Consulting Group.

Under the updated award, the financial incentive will transition from a \$500 stipend to coverage of PWX travel expenses, including:

- Up to three nights of lodging
- The winner's PWX registration fee.

The second meeting of the year was held on August 16, 2025 during PWX that was held in Chicago. I did not attend the meeting. Of note there was a significant decline in the numbers of members from Canada attending PWX. Mike Millette was elected as the new Regional 5 Director. APWA President Vic Bienes has appointed APWA past president Gary Losier, from New Brunswick to the new position of Special Liaison to our Canadian chapters.

The next Delegate meeting will be held March 4th to 6th, 2026 in Montreal with members from Region 1 (Atlantic Provinces, Maine and New England), Region 2 (Central Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York Metro, New York, New Jersey, Southern Pennsylvania, Western Pennsylvania) and Region 5 (Chicago Metro, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Ontario, and Wisconsin).

Ed Dujlovic P. Eng.  
APWA Council of Chapters (Ontario Representative)

**OPWA PAST PRESIDENTS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
1965	Harold Parkinson	Village of Forest Hill
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1967	Doug Ford	City of Toronto
1968	Les Wilson	Borough of Etobicoke
1969	Harold Atyeo	City of Toronto
1970	Bill Paul	Bell Canada
1971	Bill Taylor	City of Guelph
1972	Doug Day	Borough of Etobicoke
1973	Ed Walton	Borough of Scarborough
1974	Doug Doherty	City of Toronto
1975	Doug Sexsmith	James F. MacLaren Ltd.
1976	Bill Barber	Bell Canada
1977	Merv Perkins	Town of Richmond Hill
1978	Bill Dunford	Borough of York
1979	Paul Cockburn ( <i>see Note</i> )	MOE
1980	Maynard Sutherland	Borough of Scarborough
1981	Bob Ferguson	Metro Toronto
1982	Derek Wilson	Derek L. Wilson Ltd
1983	Bert Lockett	SMI Inc.
1984	Angus McDonald	City of Mississauga
1985	Mike Gibson	Barker Terp Gibson Limited
1986	Bruce Brunton	Borough of Etobicoke
1987	Joe Johnson Sr.	Joe Johnson Equipment Inc.
1988	Bob Hamilton	Borough of York
1989	Neil Perkins	Gore & Storrie Limited
1990	Jack McCorkell	Region of Durham
1991	Brian Harrison	Bell Canada
1992	Wally Wells	Dillon Consulting
1993	John Bray	Gore & Storrie Limited
1994	Les Dawley	MTO
1995	Larry Koehle	City of Brampton



1996	Jim Teehan	Consumers Gas
1997	Ric Robertshaw	Region of Halton
1998	Jim Drury	City of Guelph
1999	Maureen McCauley	Town of Richmond Hill
2000	Ian Neville	Region of Niagara
2001	Rick Bino	City of Brampton
2002	Bob McMurray	Region of Halton
2003	Joe Johnson Jr.	Joe Johnson Equipment Inc.
2004	Ken Thompson	Region of Durham
2005	Stan Bertoia	City of Oshawa
2006	Terry Hardy	Ainley Group
2007	Paul Smeltzer	Philips Engineering Ltd.
2008	Linda Petelka	Region of Halton
2009	David Ailles	City of London
2010	Paul May	York Region Rapid Transit
2011	Kealy Dedman	City of Cambridge
2012	Sal Iannello	City of Welland
2013	Joe Johnson Jr.	Joe Johnson Equipment
2014	Betty Matthews-Malone	Niagara Region
2015	Debbie Korolnek	County of Simcoe
2016	Sam Sidawi	City of Hamilton
2017	Michelle Albert	WSP Canada Inc.
2018	Ed Dujlovic	City of Stratford
2019	Angela Storey	City of Hamilton
2020	Scott Stewart	City of Guelph
2021	Enrico Stradiotto	Ontario Concrete Pipe Association
2022	Don Kudo	County of Wellington
2023	Doug Keenie	RJ Burnside & Associates
2024	Jennifer Rose	Region of Waterloo
2025	Max Ross	Retired



## **OPWA PIONEERS CLUB**

In 2006, OPWA established the “Pioneers Club” to recognize those individuals who, over the years, have made a significant contribution to the success of the APWA Ontario Chapter. Membership in the Pioneers Club is exclusive and is limited to former OPWA Presidents, former APWA/CPWA Presidents, Life Members and Top Ten Public Works Leaders from Ontario, along with a select few distinguished, long-time members who have been notably instrumental in the growth and success of OPWA.

OPWA would like to recognize and salute the following Pioneers:

David Ailles	Jack Hellinga	Ric Robertshaw
Michelle Albert	Frank Horgan	Lou Romano
Clarke Bellinger	Sal Iannello	Jennifer Rose
Stan Bertioia	Joe Johnson Jr.	Max Ross
Rick Bino	Doug Keenie	Kees Schipper
John Bray	Larry Koehle	Mike Sheflin
Doug Cadman	Debbie Korolnek	Sam Sidawi
Patrick Caron	Don Kudo	Vik Silgailis
Joe Cousins	Joe Lampert	Paul Smeltzer
Kealy Dedman	Charlie MacMillan	Al Steedman
Brian Denney	Betty Matthews-Malone	Scott Stewart
Doug Doherty	Paul May	Dick Stoltz
Jim Drury	Maureen McCauley	Angela Storey
Ed Dujlovic	Jack McCorkell	Enrico Stradiotto
Bill Dunford	Bob Moore	Joe Tersigni
Stefan Franko	Tom Murray	Ken Thompson
Bob Hamilton	Ian Neville	Don Thornton
Gord Harding	Linda Petelka	Wally Wells
Terry Hardy	Len Rach	Mitch Zamojc

OPWA celebrates and owes a debt of gratitude to all those who have contributed to what is today considered one of the most highly-respected Chapters of APWA.

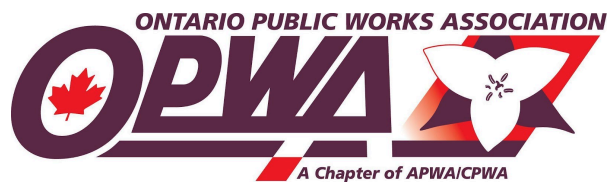
## 2023 OPWA AWARDS

At the Annual Awards Luncheon held on May 29th, 2024, the following awards were presented:

<b>Award</b>	<b>Award Winner</b>	<b>Project Owner</b>
2024 Public Works Leader of the Year Award	Bill Garibaldi, MTE	
2024 Terry Hardy Exemplary Service Award	Angela Storey, Director of Waste Management, City of Hamilton	
2024 Wally Wells Young Leader Award	Mishaal Riswan, Environmental Planner, R.J. Burnside and Associates	
2024 Joe Johnson Sr Private Sector Service Award	Geoff Britnell, Vice President of Business Operations, FER-PAL Infrastructure	
2024 Patricia McDonald Community Service Award	Eric Nickel, P.Eng., General Manager of Municipal Works and City Engineer, City of Niagara Falls	
2024 Technology Showcase	Smarter Fleets - Safer Streets, The Positive Power of Technology Enriched Risk Management	City of Peterborough.
Public Works Project of the Year Award - Small Municipality and First Nations Communities Infrastructure	Villages of Chesterville and Winchester long term potable water supply	Township of North Dundas, Village of Chesterville, Village of Winchester
Public Works Project of the Year Award - Small Municipality Structures >\$2M	Bridge 12 and 21 Replacement	Township of Mulmur
Public Works Project of the Year Award – Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair > \$10M	John Street at Settlers Park Erosion Restoration	City of Markham
Public Works Project of the Year Award – Historical Restoration, Preservation \$2M<	Belfountain Rehabilitation and Improvements, town of Caledon	Regional Municipality of Peel
Public Works Project of the Year Award – Historical Restoration, Preservation > \$10M	Toronto Portlands Dockwall Restoration Project	Create TO



Public Works Project of the Year Award – Environmental Sustainability – Climate Resilient Infrastructure	Montgomery Creek Restoration	City of Kitchener
Public Works Project of the Year Award – Environmental Sustainability – Climate Resilient Infrastructure >\$10M	Ashgrove Pumping Station and Georgetown South Water and Wastewater Mains	Regional Municipality of Halton
Public Works Project of the Year Award – Environmental - Biodiversity	Project Pollinator	Regional Municipality of York
Public Works Project of the Year Award – Transportation > \$10M	County Road 93 Roundabout and Multi-Use Trail	County of Simcoe
Management Innovation Award	Ottawa’s Infrastructure and Asset Management Approach to the Housing Crisis	City of Ottawa
Management Innovation Award	Muskoka’s Clear Bag Program	District Municipality of Muskoka
Technical Innovation Award	Automated Bus Stop Inspection System - CityRover AI	Regional Municipality of York
OPWA Operations Hero Award	Brent Bowden, Jeff Patrick, Cosimo Caringi	Regional Municipality of Peel Operations
OPWA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award	CIMA+	
OPWA Supplier and Service Provider of the Year Award	Canadian Concrete Pipe and Precast Association	
CPWA National Public Works Week	National Public Works Week Celebration	City of Vaughan



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