

Criteria Form

Purpose Project of the Year Awards were established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who, working together complete public works projects

This award was established to recognize how municipalities are working to address the impacts of climate change on municipal infrastructure, their community and the environment. this recognition entails treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, stormwater management, water and wastewater projects, climate change projects, biodiversity projects, pathways to net zero projects and any other project completed to positively impact the environment.

Eligibility Projects can be submitted by any managing agency or active member of OPWA. The project value must fit into one of the following categories:

- 1) Projects less than \$2 million
- 2) Projects of \$2 million to \$10 million
- 3) Projects of \$10 million to \$50 million
- 4) Projects greater than \$50 million

For the Purpose of this award, public works are defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and similar public services in accordance with established public policy.

To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been "substantially completed" and available for public and/or agency use, within two calendar years prior to nomination. If a project has multiple phases or segments, it is eligible if 90% is completed and available for public and/or agency use. A project may only be awarded "Project of the Year" once.

Nomination Process Nominations of projects should be made by the managing public agency, by the OPWA Chapter or its Branches, or by OPWA members.

For any issues with submission, please contact chapteradmin@ontario.apwa.org

Selection Submissions will be reviewed and scored by the Awards Committee members and winning projects will be selected for each category.

Deadline **March 6, 2026 to be eligible. No exceptions.**

Presentation The winner of this award will be honoured at the annual OPWA Awards Luncheon, taking place on Wednesday May 13, 2026. The event will be held at the Mississauga Grand Banquet & Event Centre.

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