

Criteria Form

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

Eligibility Any municipality with a population of less than 50,000 people can submit a project in this category. There is no dollar value for the projects. The municipality must demonstrate the impact the project had on their community. Projects may be completed in partnership with entities such as small community volunteer groups, schools and non profit organizations.

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 provide water, waste water, waste disposal, transportation, 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. Self-nominations are not accepted.

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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