



April 14, 2020

**Attention: Honourable Mayors,
Members of Council and Chief Administrative Officers**

Re: National Public Works Week, May 17-23, 2020 – “The Rhythm of Public Works”

The APWA Alberta Chapter is seeking your support to recognize and promote National Public Works Week (NPWW) by acknowledging May 17-23, 2020 as National Public Works Week in your community. This year's theme is “The Rhythm of Public Works”.

National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May and this is the 60th year. This year's exciting poster challenges our members and their citizens to think about their communities as a symphony of essential services, working in concert create a great place to live. Every community has a rhythm, a heartbeat that reflects its essence and tempo of life. Public Works' keeps a community's rhythm moving by providing an orchestra of infrastructure services in transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks, and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. Public Works provides the harmony needed for collaboration with all the stakeholders in capital projects, infrastructure solutions, and quality of life services.

The APWA encourages public works agencies and professionals to take the opportunity to celebrate the week by parades, displays of public works equipment, high school essay contests, open houses, programs for civic organizations and media events. The occasion is marked each year with scores of resolutions and proclamations from Mayors and Premiers and raises the public's awareness of public works issues and increases confidence in public works agencies like yours who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

For your convenience, I have attached a sample Council proclamation that you may consider using. You may wish to go to www.publicworks.ca for a digital copy of the proclamation and information about this year's theme and resources on making your Public Works Week a success. Also please consider entering your event for our annual awards as well as the National Public Works Week award from CPWA. www.cpwa.net If you have any further questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jeannette Austin, Executive Director at 403.990.2792. Thank you for making a difference.

Please note that declarations should be forwarded to office@publicworks.ca or by mail to:
APWA Alberta Chapter
PO BOX 44095 Garside Postal Outlet
EDMONTON AB T5V 1N6

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Garry Webster'.

Garry Webster, APWA President





May 17 – 23, 2020

“The Rhythm of Public Works”

Provincial/Territorial Proclamation (SAMPLE)

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of **[Insert Province/Territory]**; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in **[Insert Canada -or- Province/Territory]** to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 60th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association be it now,

RESOLVED, I, **[Insert Full Name of Premier]**, **[Insert Premier -or- other title]** of **[Insert Province/Territory]**, do hereby designate the week May 17 – 23, 2020 as National Public Works Week; I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the **[Province/Territory]** of **[Insert Province/Territory]** (to be affixed),

DONE at the **[City/Town/Rural Municipality]** of **[Insert City/Town/Rural Municipality]**, **[Insert Province/Territory]** this _____ day of _____ 2020.

[Insert Full Name of Premier]

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