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CPWA Honours National Public Works Week May 15-21, 2016

OTTAWA, ON. -- All across Canada, cities, towns, counties, and local municipalities honour National Public Works Week, sponsored by the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) during May 15-21, 2016, to promote the public works professionals and infrastructure that enable Canadian communities to be vibrant and resilient places to live. Water, transportation, roads, sewer, wastewater, stormwater, snow removal, parks, and public buildings are part of the crucial role that public works plays in Canadian citizens' quality of life.

Beginning in 1960, Canadian municipalities and provinces have observed National Public Works Week with celebrations that highlight the services that public works departments provide in their communities. During the week, many Canadian municipalities provide Public Works facility tours, equipment displays, Open Houses, parades and media events that highlight the professionals who operate these critical services. The public works departments often include outreach to students, from elementary to high school age, to educate them about the education and training of public works and to encourage them to pursue a career in the industry of public works and infrastructure.

This year, proclamations and Letters of Greeting have been issued for "National Public Works Week" by many provinces including Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Prince Edward Island. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has also sent a Letter of Greetings recognizing and celebrating National Public Works Week in Canada. Other cities or towns that have proclaimed NPWW in 2016 include the Town of Moosomin, Cities of North Battleford, Moose Jaw, Estevan, and Saskatoon in Saskatchewan; Cities of Flin Flon and Selkirk, Municipalities of Roblin and Swan Valley West, and Rural Municipalities of Yellowhead and Gimli, all in Manitoba, as well as Regional Municipality of Durham in Ontario, City of Cold Lake in Alberta and the District of Squamish in British Columbia.

"National Public Works Week is a great opportunity for all of us in Canada to recognize the public works departments, agencies and workers that make our cities great places to live. National Public Works Week gives us a chance to focus on the people whose professionalism provides the quality of life that we expect," said CPWA President, Kealy Dedman, P.Eng. of the City of Guelph, ON.

The municipal events held during the week will be further recognized with CPWA's National Public Works Week Awards program that will honour four cities of various population sizes for the week's activities. CPWA will award one small, one medium, and one large municipality, as well as one municipality entering the contest for the first time, with the distinction of holding the best public works awareness and educational events.

ABOUT CPWA

Founded in 1986, the Canadian Public Works Association (www.cpwa.net) is the voice of public works in Canada, promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge.