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Canadian Public Works Association Honours 2016 National Public Works Week Award Winning Municipalities

OTTAWA, ONTARIO – October 5, 2016 – The Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) announced today the presentation ceremonies to honour the municipal winners of CPWA's 2016 National Public Works Week Awards Contest. The CPWA National Public Works Week Awards Contest recognizes public works agencies from across Canada for their public awareness education and events held during National Public Works Week, which highlight public works departments and agencies, and public works professionals.

National Public Works Week has been celebrated every May since 1960 in North America to increase public awareness of the role of public works services and professionals in our daily lives. These public works professionals are the planners, builders, managers and designers of our communities' infrastructure.

The CPWA National Public Works Week awards will be presented at special events or meetings in the four winning municipalities included below:

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

- **October 24, 2016** – 7:30 PM – **Town of Richmond Hill, Ontario** – Medium Centre Award presented at the Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 225 East Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill, ON, L4B 3P4.
- **November 8, 2016** – 6:00 PM – **City of Cold Lake, Alberta** – Small Centre Award presented at the Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers, 5513 48 Avenue Cold Lake, AB, T9M 1A1.
- **November 28, 2016** – 1:30 PM - **Town of Newmarket, Ontario** – First Time Entry Award presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council Chambers, 395 Mulock Dr., Newmarket ON, L3Y 4X7.
- **December/January TBD** — **City of Brampton, Ontario** – Large/Metro Centre Award presented.

This year, National Public Works Week was celebrated May 15 - 21, 2016. The winning municipalities were first announced in Minneapolis, MN on August 29, 2016 at the CPWA Annual Luncheon held in conjunction with the APWA PWX annual conference. Winning municipalities were those that best met the awards contest criteria, which included public outreach, education, events held, staff involvement, political involvement, charity events and creativity.

The 2016 National Public Works Week theme was “Public Works Always There,” and the award submissions tied into the national theme for the week.

“The municipalities’ celebrations included school visits and open house events that displayed an enormous amount of effort and creativity. Talking about public works careers with high school students showed that departments were looking toward the future, and several communities used social media and video marketing in innovative ways to reach broad audiences. Communities also took advantage of the opportunity to involve their city leaders and to recognize their staff with breakfasts, luncheons, and staff ‘challenge’ events. Altogether this year’s submissions were highly impressive, and congratulations go out to each of the winners who are to be highly commended on their NPWW activities and events,” said CPWA President Andrew Stevenson, Manager of ATAP Infrastructure Management Ltd.

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About CPWA: *The Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA), or Association Canadienne des Travaux Publics, was founded in 1986 to enhance the services of APWA to the Canadian public works community and to improve the quality of public works products and services to Canadian citizens. CPWA’s more than 2,250 members in Canada, plan, build, operate, maintain and sustain the public works and infrastructure that improve our quality of community life.*