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CPWA President's Update – July 11, 2016

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Dear CPWA Members,

After a great meeting in Ottawa in April and a successful National Public Works Week campaign in May, CPWA is gearing up for PWX and the election of a new President for 2016 – 2018. Here is a brief update:

April

CPWA Meeting in Ottawa April 18 – 19, 2016

Each year, the CPWA Board of Directors meets in Ottawa to identify policy and advocacy issues and to build relationships with other stakeholder associations, government agencies and Parliament. This year, CPWA met jointly with the International Federation of Municipal Engineering (IFME) on April 18, 2016. In addition to CPWA's Board of Directors, in attendance were: APWA/CPWA Executive Director Scott Grayson, Region I Director and APWA Board of Directors CPWA Liaison Rick Stinson, CPWA Staff Liaison Anne Jackson, CPWA Consultant Alan Young, IFME President Doug Drever and 13 IFME members representing the UK, Australia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Finland, Iceland, Denmark, South Pacific Islands, Sweden, Italy and South Africa.

In addition to meeting with IFME, CPWA hosted APWA member and Past-Chair of the Canadian Network of Asset Managers (CNAM), Alain Gonthier, for a discussion on asset management. Alain serves on APWA's Asset Management Task Force.

On April 19th while in Ottawa, CPWA met with the Honourable Judy A. Sgro, Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, as well as staff from Infrastructure Canada, including John Brodhead, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

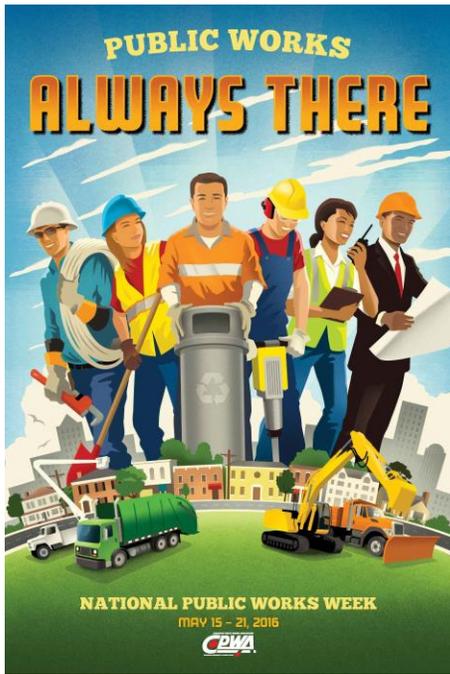
May

Canadian Infrastructure Report Card (CIRC) Click Listen and Learn

A Click Listen and Learn on the Canadian Infrastructure Report Card (CIRC), which CPWA participated in developing, was held on Thursday May 5th. A recording of the program is available through the [Members Library](#).

You can learn more about the Report Card at: <http://www.canadainfrastructure.ca/en/index.html>

National Public Works Week – May 15 – 21, 2016



Public works departments and municipalities on both sides of the border recognized and celebrated our profession and our contributions to our communities during National Public Works Week (NPWW) in May and I want to thank you all on behalf of CPWA for your accomplishments on behalf of Canada's communities.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sent a Letter of Greetings recognizing and celebrating NPWW in Canada and Proclamations and Letters of Greeting were issued by many Canadian provinces, including:

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Nova Scotia
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Saskatchewan
- Manitoba
- Ontario
- Prince Edward Island

Cities and towns that proclaimed or acknowledged NPWW include:

- City of Cold Lake, AB
- District of Squamish, BC
- City of Flin Flon, MB
- City of Selkirk, MB
- Municipality of Roblin, MB
- Municipality of Swan Valley West, MB
- Rural Municipality of Yellowhead, MB
- Rural Municipality of Gimli, MB
- Regional Municipality of Durham, ON
- Town of Moosomin, SK
- City of North Battleford, SK
- City of Moose Jaw, SK
- City of Estevan, SK
- City of Saskatoon, SK

<http://www.apwa.net/discover/National-Public-Works-Week/NPWW-proclamations>

June

National Public Works Week Contest

Each year CPWA hosts a national awards program to recognize municipalities for their NPWW programs and events and all communities are invited to submit their activities. A panel of CPWA evaluators chooses winning entries based on criteria that include outreach, education, events held, staff involvement, political involvement, and creativity.

Entries for this year's contest are listed below and winners will be announced at the CPWA Luncheon at PWX 2016. A presentation will also be held for each of the award-winning municipalities in their home town. More information can be found on the CPWA website. <http://cpwa4.cpwa.net/PageDetails/5669>

- First Time Entries

- City of Moose Jaw, SK (small)
- Town of Newmarket, ON (medium)
- Small Centres
 - Town of Ladysmith, BC
 - City of Cold Lake, AB
 - District of Squamish, BC
 - City of Dieppe, NB
 - City of Moose Jaw, SK
 - Ville de Victoriaville, QC
 - Ville de Rimouski, QC
 - City of Moncton, NB
- Medium Centres
 - Town of Newmarket, ON
 - Richmond Hill, ON
- Large/Metro Centres
 - City of Surrey, BC
 - City of Brampton, ON

Government of Canada Updates

On June 3rd the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance launched its pre-budget consultation process to gather input on budget priorities. CPWA will be submitting its priorities by the deadline of Friday, August 5th.

On June 16th, the [Government reached its first provincial infrastructure investment agreement with British Columbia and its municipalities for public transit projects, which have already been identified, across the province.](#) The agreement makes the Government's funding, which is up to 67% of total investment, retroactive to April 1st, so projects already identified can proceed immediately. On July 5th, the [Government confirmed the ratification of the Canada-Quebec Agreement on the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund and the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.](#) Negotiations with other provinces are underway.

An agreement was reached June 20th to expand the Canada Pension Plan (CPP). The enhancement deal must be ratified by a minimum of seven provinces representing at least two-thirds of Canada's population by July 15th. Only Manitoba and Quebec declined to agree to the terms, so it is anticipated to be ratified and would take effect in 2019.

The Government is gearing up for a comprehensive review of environmental assessments and will join with the provinces and territories to take action on climate change.

The House of Commons rose June 17th for the summer recess, but was back to sit June 29th for President Obama's address to Parliament, where President Obama stressed that "the world NEEDS more Canada". President Obama was visiting Canada for the [North American Leaders' Summit](#) meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau and Mexican President Peña Nieto. At the summit meeting, the three leaders announced an ambitious and enduring [North American Climate, Clean Energy and Environment Partnership.](#)

The House of Commons will resume sitting on September 19th and, historically, the Senate sits one week later. There will be infrequent cabinet meetings over the summer.

Upcoming Activities

CPWA Plans Events for PWX 2016

Register now for PWX 2016 in Minneapolis, MN (August 28 – 31, 2016)!

<http://www.apwa.net/pwx>

Although the APWA annual conference has been around for more than 120 years, PWX will be a different experience for all! With new education formats, new innovations and technologies, and more networking opportunities than ever before, PWX will be a fantastic new learning experience for all generations and all levels of public works professionals. Join more than 5,000 public works colleagues from North America and beyond for this exciting event!

Some of the featured events at PWX with presenters from Canada:

Advocacy Palooza!

- Monday, August 29, 2016: 9:45 AM – 11:00 AM
- Planned and hosted by CPWA and APWA's Government Affairs Committee (GAC)

Come join an active discussion on Advocating for public works in both Canada and the U.S. Briefly hear from CPWA and APWA leaders about the current political landscape and what our organizations are doing to support Advocacy as a top priority, and how individual members can enhance these efforts to increase the voice of public works to policymakers at all levels. Be prepared to share what is working at your chapter, or the challenges your chapter is facing when trying to engage in advocacy. A successful brainstorming session—the more the merrier—will empower participants to take ideas back to their chapters and hone their power as THE leading voice for all matters public works.

CPWA Luncheon: CentrePort Canada - Building North America's Largest Inland Port

- Monday, August 29, 2016: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
- Featured Speaker: Diane Gray, Chief Executive Officer, CentrePort Canada Inc., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- Ticketed event - separate fee and preregistration is required – go to the online PWX Registration Form at <http://www.apwa.net/account/PWXlogon>

The largest inland port in North America, CentrePort Canada, is located in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Connected to interstate highways, three class 1 railways, and a 24/7 international cargo airport, CentrePort offers business prime industrial land for any size of development including manufacturing and assembly, warehousing and distribution, agribusiness, food processing and packaging and transportation related logistics. With 50 new companies on more than 270 acres of greenfield development, CentrePort Canada is poised for significant new growth. Diane Gray, President & CEO, gives you an inside look at the latest developments on the 20,000 acre footprint.

CPWA Business Meeting

- Monday, August 29, 2016: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

At this year's CPWA Business Meeting, a new CPWA President will be elected.

Disaster Preparedness - What Are Your Missing?

- Tuesday, August 30, 2016: 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM
- Planned and hosted by APWA's Center for Sustainability (C4S) and International Affairs Committee (IAC)

Join the C4S, IAC and others who are working to create more sustainable communities in a roundtable discussion to identify challenges, solutions and resources that can help communities prepare for the risk of disasters. Participants will leave the roundtable with a better understanding of the lessons communities, both in North America and internationally, have learned from previous disasters and changing environmental risks and how they are applying what they've learned to their preparedness plans.

Effective Fleet Management Strategy for Municipal Fleets

- Tuesday, August 30, 2016: 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Fleet management in the public sector is often frustrating and a source of conflict between the fleet manager and the users of fleet vehicles and equipment. Poor communication is identified as the most common cause but in reality, it is a lack of a strategic planning for fleet management.

From Nowhere to Somewhere: Constructing the East-Side Roadway in Northern Manitoba

- Tuesday, August 30, 2016: 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

The east side of Lake Winnipeg is a unique region of Manitoba that contains vast stands of boreal forests, an abundance of wildlife and a vibrant traditional Aboriginal culture. Although a truly remarkable provincial jewel, its remote and isolated communities suffer due to limited transportation options (air, marine or winter road). Seize the opportunity to learn more about the East Side Road Authority's vision that connects these communities with all-season roadway network. Understand the Contract Administrator's unique scope, schedule and cost challenges with northern infrastructure projects. Hear first-hand accounts of a resident inspector's incredible experience of building roadways from 'nowhere to somewhere'.

Next Practices in Project Delivery Drives Roadway Success

- Wednesday, August 31, 2016: 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM

Leduc County's Nisku Spine Road project is its first attempt at implementing a value-based project delivery system developed by researchers at Arizona State University. Using the process, proposal evaluation time was reduced by 75%. The main advantage of the process was its ability to simplify contractor selection through the alignment of project expertise.

The Full Schedule of Events at PWX can be found here:

<http://www.apwa.net/pwx/2016/schedule/full-schedule>

Let Us Hear From You

As always, the CPWA Board of Directors would like to hear from you with any comments. Feel free to contact me directly at kdedman@guelph.ca or contact Anne Jackson at ajackson@apwa.net. And follow CPWA on Twitter @CPWATWEETS!