

# Fact Sheet

## Who are CPWA Members?

There are more than 2,250 members of CPWA in Canada. These public works professionals are also members of the American Public Works Association (APWA), resulting in a combined membership of over 29,000 in North America. As in the US, the members of the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) plan, design, build, operate and maintain the transportation, water supply, storm drainage, sewage and refuse disposal systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential to Canada's economy and quality of life.

Members in Canada have access to all APWA resources and materials, and are encouraged to participate in all APWA committees and to become involved in leadership roles. APWA is a highly participatory association and has a reputation as an open, flexible association with a diversified membership.

## Do members in Canada have access to chapters?

Members in Canada have access to eight chapters, which serve the membership across Canada. These chapters allow for a more localized influence and increased flexibility in meeting their members' needs. The Canadian chapters have a reputation for providing high quality educational programs and member involvement opportunities.

The CPWA chapters are:

- Quebec - L'Association des travaux publics d'Amérique-chapitre du Québec
- Atlantic Provinces – CPWA Atlantic Provinces Chapter
- Newfoundland & Labrador – CPWA Newfoundland & Labrador Chapter
- Ontario – Ontario Public Works Association
- Manitoba – CPWA Manitoba Chapter
- Saskatchewan – CPWA Saskatchewan Chapter
- Alberta – Alberta Public Works Association
- British Columbia – Public Works Association of British Columbia

## Advocacy and Outreach: The Canadian Public Works Association Board of Directors (CPWA)

Recognizing that national advocacy for public works in Canada is unique, the eight-member CPWA Board of Directors addresses national level advocacy and outreach issues in Canada. These Directors are appointed by their individual chapter to serve as their representatives in addressing Canada-wide issues. The mission of the CPWA Board of Directors (CPWA) is advocacy for public works and infrastructure at the national level and outreach for public works on a national scale.

## Advocacy

The CPWA Board of Directors meets monthly to identify policy and other issues, and works to build relationships with other stakeholder associations and with government agencies and Parliament. CPWA is often asked to provide input to the local and regional government on issues and policy like the New Building Canada Plan.

CPWA has a history of involvement in national initiatives also, such as the National Roundtable for Sustainable Infrastructure (NRTSI), and the National Asset Management Working Group, and was one of the four founding organizations which produced the 2012 and 2016 Canadian Report Cards for Infrastructure. <http://www.canadainfrastructure.ca/en/>

CPWA often works in collaboration with other stakeholders to highlight issues of mutual concern and to promote infrastructure as one of the economic drivers for the nation. As an example, CPWA participates in the Municipal Infrastructure Forum, which is amplifying the voice of infrastructure and conveying the message that infrastructure is a key economic driver and a priority for the government. <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/plan-eng.html>

## Outreach

One of CPWA's most visible public works outreach campaigns is the CPWA National Public Works Week awards. Through CPWA's National Public Works Week (NPWW) awards program, friendly competition between like-sized municipalities raises the level and scope of educational and public awareness activities during NPWW. NPWW also increases awareness of public works as a career choice for students; with many municipalities running career fairs and visiting high schools. The NPWW programs, which involve staff as well as city officials, often feature an employee recognition lunch and presentations. CPWA's annual competition criteria can be accessed here: <http://www.cpwa.net/news.asp#533>

CPWA holds an annual CPWA Luncheon at PWX, which features a speaker of particular appeal to the Canadian audience. CPWA also sponsors the International Infrastructure Round Table (IIRT) breakfast and discussion each year. The IIRT hosts international association leaders and provides a forum for discussion of topics of mutual interest.

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