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## **APWA 2015 Presidential Award for Leadership Presented to Darwin K. Durnie, PWLF**

**KANSAS CITY, MO.** – The American Public Works Association (APWA) Presidential Award for Leadership was recently awarded to Darwin K. Durnie, PWLF of Alberta, Canada. The Presidential Award for Leadership is bestowed at the sole discretion of the APWA President to a member who has distinguished himself or herself with their leadership in the public works profession. This year at the APWA International Public Works Congress in Phoenix on Monday, August 31, 2015, APWA Past President Larry Stevens, P.E., PWLF, presented the Presidential Award for Leadership to Durnie, who is Principal and Director of Business Development for Stantec Consulting Ltd. in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada.

Durnie, who has also been recognized as an APWA 2015 Top Ten Public Works Leader, has served in many capacities for APWA and the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA). During 2010 to 2014, he served two terms as President of CPWA. He previously served as President of the Alberta Public Works Association, and is currently on the CPWA Board as Director from Alberta. Durnie is also a member of the Inaugural APWA Certification Commission, APWA National Education Commission, and currently serves on the Canadian Emergency Management Subcommittee.

Stevens cited Durnie's impact on the entire association and the public works profession across the U.S. and Canada through his management style and intuitive leadership at the local, regional and national levels, and his education and certification efforts for APWA and CPWA. Other career highlights include positions as the Director of Engineering and Transportation Services, and Director of Infrastructure Services with the City of Drumheller, Alberta prior to his current position at Stantec. In addition to his project work, Durnie took time to serve as the remote sites manager for the 2002 G-8 World Leaders Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta, and as the Associate Director of Facilities and Site Preparation for the 2010 G-8 and G-20 World Leaders Summits in Toronto.

Stevens honored Durnie as a person who sees a challenge as another opportunity, rather than a problem. "It is with great pride that I bestow the 2015 Presidential Award to Darwin Durnie, as a fellow public works professional, in recognition of his service and accomplishments for the entire APWA and CPWA,"

Stevens said.

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### **About APWA:**

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