

## **Brampton Selected for CPWA National Public Works Week Award**

**OTTAWA, ON.** – January 11, 2017 – The City of Brampton has been selected by the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) to receive the highest award for their 2016 National Public Works Week (NPWW) campaign and celebration. Brampton's 2016 NPWW celebration competed for the national award with other Canadian municipalities that entered the contest in the "Large/Metro Centre" category for municipalities with populations over 250,000.

The award will be presented by CPWA Director Sal Iannello, P.Eng, General Manager of Infrastructure & Development Services and City Engineer, Corporation for the City of Welland, ON. The award presentation will take place during the January 25th Council meeting at 9:30 AM at the Council Chambers, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Brampton City Hall, located at 2 Wellington St. W. City of Brampton, ON, L6Y 1M8. Accepting the NPWW award will be Jim Pitman, Brampton's Manager of Parks Maintenance and Chair of the 2016 NPWW Committee.

National Public Works Week annually recognizes the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. In May of each year, municipalities throughout the US and Canada celebrate National Public Works Week with open houses, project and facility tours, education, school visits, and career events. Municipalities also use public works week to recognize their staff – the women and men who play such an important role in a community's vitality.

"National Public Works Week is one of the best ways to increase public awareness about the importance of public works in the provision of services to our towns and cities," said Mr. Iannello. "The City of Brampton's public works events and activities provided opportunities to educate residents on a variety of municipal services at the Works Yard Tours, demonstrated how public works professionals are 'always there' at the Chiefs Challenge and Annual Bus Pull, and recognized staff at the employee recognition awards and barbeque."

More than 200 students toured the Sandalwood Works Yard to learn how streetlights work, how sidewalks are poured and how roads are repaired. Staff volunteers demonstrated various pieces of public works equipment, including a zero-turn ride-on lawnmower, backhoe, water truck, forestry crane truck, dump

truck and loader. An 'Amazing Race' style scavenger hunt was also part of tour activities.

"CPWA is very impressed with Brampton's public outreach in the community. This year's NPWW events were promoted through the city's website, staff web portal and employee newsletter, as well as interactive displays at City Hall, a shrink-wrapped truck at all NPWW events, and a live broadcast on CTV News with Anwar Knight. Brampton's NPWW programs were an excellent outreach and public relations effort," said Iannello.

NPWW Award evaluators also credited the City of Brampton for raising awareness about careers in public works by participating in career forums for high school students, as well as the city's fundraising efforts connected to the week's events. Through the entry fee for the annual bus pull, along with a food festival and individual donations, Brampton was able to raise almost \$2,500 for United Way of Peel Region and the Fort McMurray Wildfire Relief Fund. The NPWW Committee was also able to donate 530 pounds of food to Knights Table, a local organization addressing poverty and homelessness.

"CPWA is honoured to recognize the City of Brampton's efforts for National Public Works Week. Public works services, personnel, and our infrastructure assets are essential to our communities, but do not always enjoy a high level of public awareness. The high caliber of Brampton's NPWW programs and events goes a long way to providing that awareness," said Iannello.

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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.*