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## **Canadian Public Works Association Honours 2021 National Public Works Week Award Winners**

**OTTAWA, ONTARIO – October 12, 2021** – The Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) is pleased to announce the winners of CPWA’s 2021 National Public Works Week Awards Contest. The CPWA National Public Works Week Awards Contest recognizes public works agencies throughout Canada for their public education and outreach activities during National Public Works Week.

- First Time Entry: **County of Grande Prairie, AB**
- Community under 25,000: **City of Cold Lake, AB**
- Community of 25,000 to 99,999: **Ville de Pointe-Claire, QC**
- Community of 100,000 or more: **County of Wellington, ON**
- Most Creative Entry: **City of Nanaimo, BC**

“After more than a year of going to great lengths to keep our communities functioning, the effort these municipalities put into their public works celebrations is inspiring,” said CPWA President Rylan Wadsworth. “From student art contests and proclamations to educational videos and social media campaigns, the winning municipalities were incredibly creative in educating their communities about what they do and about the importance of public works. Congratulations to each of the winners and to all the communities that participated in a successful National Public Works Week.”

National Public Works Week has been celebrated every May since 1960 to recognize the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. Each year, municipalities throughout the U.S. and Canada celebrate NPWW with open houses, project and facility tours, parades, education, media events, school visits, and career events. Municipalities also use the week to recognize their staff – the public works professionals who plan, design, build, manage and maintain our communities’ infrastructure and who play such an important role in our quality of life.

This year, National Public Works Week was celebrated May 16-22, 2021. Winning municipalities were those that best met the awards contest criteria for creativity, public outreach, education, political involvement, and staff involvement. The award submissions reflected the 2021 National Public Works Week theme “Stronger Together,” celebrating the role public works plays in creating a great place to live.



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The CPWA National Public Works Week awards will be presented at council meetings in the five winning municipalities:

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:**

- Thursday, October 28, 2021 – 10:00 AM – County of Wellington, ON – Community of 100,000 or more Award presented at the County Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Administration Centre - 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph, ON.
- Monday, November 1, 2021 – 10:00 AM – County of Grande Prairie, AB – First Time Entry Award presented at the County Council Meeting, County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Administration Building, 10001 - 84 Avenue, Clairmont, AB, T8X 5B2.
- Monday, November 15, 2021 – 7:00 PM – City of Nanaimo, BC – Most Creative Entry Award presented at the Regular Council Meeting, Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC.
- Date and time to be confirmed – Ville de Pointe-Claire, QC – Community of 25,000 to 99,999 Award presented at the Council Meeting, Council Chamber at City Hall, 451 Saint-Jean Boulevard.
- Date and time to be confirmed – City of Cold Lake, AB – Community under 25,000 Award presented at the Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers, 5513 48 Avenue, Cold Lake, AB, T9M 1A1.

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