

## Fact Sheet



### Public Works

Public works is the combination of physical assets, management practices, policies, and personnel necessary for government to provide and sustain structures and services essential to the welfare of our communities. These assets and services include:

- Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks
- Drinking Water and Wastewater Management
- Stormwater and Flood Control
- Emergency Management
- Snow Removal and Road Treatment
- Solid Waste Removal and Recycling
- Public Fleets and Buildings
- Public Electricity and Natural Gas Utilities
- Parks and Recreational Centers
- Animal Control
- Parking Enforcement

### Members

CPWA's more than 2,250 members across Canada join APWA's members across the United States to represent over 30,000 public works professionals in North America. These public works professionals plan, design, build, operate and maintain transportation, water supply, storm drainage, sewage and refuse disposal systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities and provide community services that are essential to Canada's economy and quality of life. CPWA members include:

- public works directors
- city engineers
- city managers
- fleet managers
- property and equipment superintendents
- utilities managers
- community development directors
- transportation managers

- park directors
- county officials
- solid waste managers
- chief administrative officers
- asset managers
- engineering consultants
- operations staff

### Chapters

Chapters offer members the opportunity to attend conferences, educational programs, equipment shows and social events, as well as the chance to network with their colleagues and peers in a professional setting. Eight chapters in Canada join 55 chapters in the United States on APWA's Council of Chapters to collaborate on best practices, education, membership and other issues.

### Canadian chapters:

- Alberta (includes Northwest Territories)
- Atlantic Provinces (includes New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island)
- British Columbia (includes Yukon)
- Manitoba (includes Nunavut)
- Newfoundland-Labrador
- Ontario
- Quebec
- Saskatchewan

### CPWA Board of Directors Advocacy and Outreach

Recognizing the importance of a unified voice for public works, the eight-member CPWA Board of Directors advocates for public works at the federal level and promotes infrastructure as one of the economic drivers for the nation.

In addition to identifying the top public works

priorities for Canadian public works professionals, the CPWA Board of Directors collaborate with other stakeholders to highlight issues of mutual concern, build relationships with government agencies and Parliament to provide input on policies and programs affecting public works, and work within their chapters to advocate for CPWA's public policy priorities.

CPWA has a history of involvement in national initiatives and was one of the four founding organizations that produced the 2012 and 2016 Canadian Infrastructure Report Cards.

### National Public Works Week

One of CPWA's most visible public works outreach campaigns is National Public Works Week (NPWW). NPWW is observed each year during the third full week in May and celebrates the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. NPWW seeks to inform both policymakers and the public about the essential services that public works provides and about the professionals who provide those services. Municipalities provide public tours, career fairs, equipment displays, and school visits.

Each year CPWA also hosts an awards contest to recognize municipalities in Canada for their NPWW programs and events and all communities are invited to submit their activities.

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