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**Attention: Honourable Mayor,  
Members of Council and Chief Administrative Officers**

**Re: National Public Works Week, May 12-21, 2022 – “Ready & Resilient”**

The APWA Alberta Chapter is seeking your support to recognize and promote National Public Works Week (NPWW) by acknowledging May 15-21, 2022 as National Public Works Week in your community. This year's theme is “Ready & Resilient.” Within every public works professional lies a superhero, which is dramatically represented in this year's poster. Public works professionals are always READY to serve their communities and RESILIENT as ever in their abilities to pick themselves up off the ground after encountering challenges.

The “Ready & Resilient” theme highlights the ability of these professionals to perform regular public works duties and be ready at a moment's notice to react as first responders during natural disasters and overcome trials seen in the field.

Public works superheroes help keep communities strong by providing an infrastructure of services in transportation, water, wastewater and stormwater treatment, public buildings and spaces, parks and grounds, emergency management and first response, solid waste, and right-of-way management. They are what make our communities great places to live and work. So join us in celebrating these superheroes!

National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May and this is the 62<sup>nd</sup> year. The APWA encourages public works agencies and professionals to take the opportunity to celebrate the week by parades, displays of public works equipment, high school essay contests, open houses, programs for civic organizations and media events. The occasion is marked each year with scores of resolutions and proclamations from Mayors and Premiers and raises the public's awareness of public works issues and increases confidence in public works agencies like yours who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

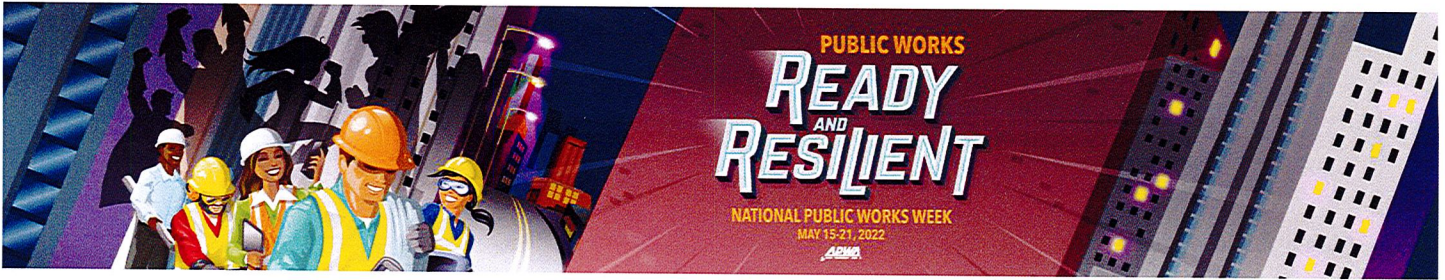
For your convenience, I have attached a sample Council proclamation that you may consider using. You may wish to go to [www.publicworks.ca](http://www.publicworks.ca) for a digital copy of the proclamation and information about this year's theme and resources on making your Public Works Week a success. Also please consider entering your event for our annual awards as well as the National Public Works Week award from CPWA. [www.cpwa.net](http://www.cpwa.net) If you have any further questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jeannette Austin, Executive Director at 403.990.2792. Thank you for making a difference.

Please note that declarations should be forwarded to  
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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Haanen'.

Mike Haanen, APWA President



## National Public Works Week

May 15 – 21, 2022

“Ready and Resilient”

### Provincial/Territorial Proclamation (SAMPLE)

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of **[insert Province/Territory]**; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in **[Insert Province/Territory]** to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2022 marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association be it now,

RESOLVED, I, **[Insert Full Name]**, **[Insert Premier -or- other title]** of **[Insert Province/Territory]**, do hereby designate the week May 15 – 21, 2022 as National Public Works Week; I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association/Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

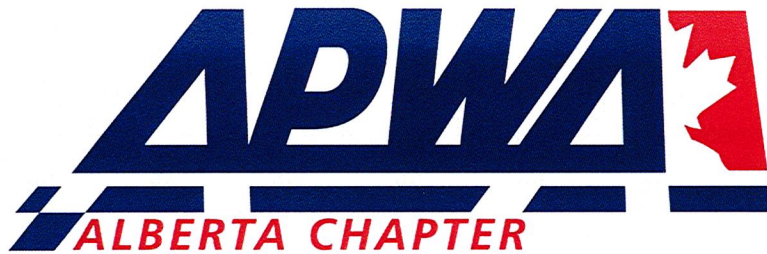
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of **[Insert Province/Territory]** (to be affixed),

DONE at the **[City/Town/Rural Municipality]** of **[Insert City/Town/Rural Municipality]**, **[Insert Province/Territory]** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

**[Insert Full Name of Premier]**

**[SEAL]**





## **Celebrate Public Works Week May 15-21, 2022 Ready & Resilient**

### **Proclamation**

Ensure that your Municipality proclaims or recognizes NPWW! See our website for digital copy of proclamation  
[www.publicworks.ca](http://www.publicworks.ca)

## **What You Can Do**



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Support your superheroes by sending them to compete in the Equipment Rodeo and participate in the "Stronger Together We are One" Annual Technical Conference & Snow Show June 6 – 9, 2022 at the River Cree Resort in Enoch AB.



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### **Environmental Campaign**

Develop a week of activities to improve the community's environment. Show the many ways public works departments contribute to your community's environmental health.

#### **Thought starters:**

- Invite garden clubs, civic groups, historic preservation societies, schools and scouting councils to join you in an environmental project or suggest a project of their own.
- Organize a tree-planting ceremony, recycling drive, public grounds clean-up or free, safe disposal of oversized items and household hazardous wastes.
- Launch a campaign to solicit organizations to adopt a highway or public park.

### **Public Works Exhibit**

Create an exhibit to spotlight your organization's recent successes and emphasize how they benefit all citizens. Arrange to display your exhibit at libraries, community centers and shopping malls. You may be able to take advantage of a captive audience by exhibiting at a scheduled community event.

#### **Thought starters:**

- Feature public works equipment, display photos of facilities and provide information on upcoming public works projects.
- Show a film or video of public works in action.
- When practical, have a representative from various departments staff the exhibit to answer questions and provide information.

### Rodeo/Equipment Shop

Display equipment your department uses in day-to-day operations. Give public works employees the opportunity to show the skill required to operate public works equipment.

#### Thought starters:

- Select a location with high visibility such as a parking lot, city park, or public gathering place. Allow adequate time to research and reserve a location.
- Invite elected officials to participate in an activity during the event.
- Sponsor a regional contest and challenge other municipalities to a test of skills necessary to operate a backhoe, garbage pickup, forklift and lawn tractor.
- Emphasize safety; highlight the cost-effective measures and unique features of your equipment and vehicles.
- Have representatives from various departments show equipment and answer questions.

### Open House or Tour

An open house or tour offers participants a new perspective on public works and gives professionals an opportunity to discuss the daily operation at their facility. It also is a good time to gather community members opinions of public works projects and services.

#### Thought starters:

- Plan the open house in conjunction with a dedication ceremony, an anniversary, or a celebration of a completed project.
- Select employees to serve as ambassadors or tour guides.
- Provide a forum for citizens to learn about various departments and their functions.
- Develop a survey to gather attendees' opinions about a public works project or service of importance to your organization.

### Employee Appreciation Day

Acknowledge the many accomplishments public works employees contribute throughout the year with a special recognition event.

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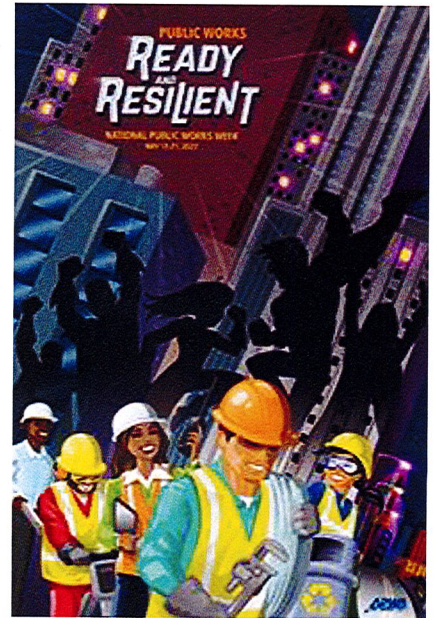
- Sponsor a banquet to recognize outstanding performance, special achievements, safety records and attendance. Award honourees with a gift registration to a seminar, an engraved plaque, a special proclamation or a cash award.
- Include family members of honourees.
- Invite elected officials.
- Hold your event in a public works facility. For example, host a barbecue in an equipment garage.

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Or contact Jeannette Austin

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