

## City's public works employees given nod of appreciation during National Public Works Week

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**Welland, ON** – The City of Welland continues to recognize the essential role Public Works play in building and maintaining the community's quality of life.

Since 1960, municipalities have celebrated the third full week of May as National Public Works Week. This time is allocated to commemorate the importance of public works and educate about the function public works have in communities and everyday life.

"Our responsibility as members of the Public Works team is to ensure we are ready and able to perform our regular duties and respond to emergencies at a moment's notice," said James Sticca, public works manager. "Public Works focuses on maintaining our infrastructure through proactive maintenance programs and reactive repairs."

The City recognizes the dedication of its public works professionals in providing administration, engineering, fleet, water, transportation, parks and grounds, and public spaces that help to operate and maintain Welland's infrastructure.

This year's theme for the National Public Works Week will be "Ready & Resilient" to highlight the public works professionals' readiness to serve our communities and their resilience to overcome many challenges.

The pandemic's challenges have not lessened the workload for public works professionals. From May 15 to 21, municipalities across the country honour and appreciate the continued service of public works professionals, especially during the pandemic.

Residents are encouraged to observe public works week by showing appreciation for local public works professionals through acknowledgement in person, email, or other forms of digital recognition.

To learn more about the public works services the City provides, visit: Public Works Services (welland.ca)

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