



Transportation Services
Environmental Services

Memorandum

To: Committee of the Whole

From: Paul Jankowski
Commissioner, Transportation Services

Erin Mahoney
Commissioner, Environmental Services

Date: March 23, 2017

Re: **National Public Works Week May 21-27, 2017**

National Public Works Week was adopted by the American Public Works Association to educate and inform the public about the essential role public works plays in the quality of their community life. In coordination with the Canadian and Ontario Public Works Associations, National Public Works Week is celebrated on an annual basis.

National Public Works Week will be held from May 21-27, 2017

Transportation Services and Environmental Services will participate at a Regional level and locally through events and public awareness initiatives. Council's continued recognition of this week has increased awareness and public understanding of the impact of public works and how these services connect our communities.

National Public Works Week theme in 2017 is "Public Works Connects Us"

The American Public Works Association selected "Public Works Connects Us" as the theme for National Public Works Week 2017. A copy of the American Public Works Association poster for 2017 is included as Attachment 1. In York Region, public works staff promotes and supports services that connect communities within the Region. These services include but are not limited to:

- Providing safe and clean drinking water
- Wastewater conveyance and treatment
- Source water protection
- Solid waste processing, diversion and disposal
- Providing seasonal road maintenance
- Maintaining and protecting York Region forests
- Monitoring traffic control and signal operations
- Building, operating and maintaining Regional roads and infrastructure
- Operating conventional and rapid transit services
- Providing fleet vehicles and equipment to deliver Regional services

Series of planned events throughout National Public Works Week

Events scheduled during National Public Works Week 2017 include:

- York Region students will be invited to participate in specific school events including guided tours of the Transit Operations Centre at 55 Orlando Drive, and a snow plow blade painting contest.
- York Region Roads and Forestry will host facility tours of the garage at 90 Bales Drive, police fleet, centralized traffic control centre, traffic and pedestrian safety systems area and sign shop. York Paramedic Services will host a tour of their simulation lab and command centre at 80 Bales Drive.
- York Region Local Municipality Challenge – Mayors of the local municipalities will have an opportunity to participate in the annual Public Works Municipal Challenge.

National Public Works Week will culminate with the Region's annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 27

Staff from Transportation Services, Environmental Services, Corporate Services, York Regional Police and York Paramedic Services will collaborate to host the annual Family Fun Day event for York Region residents on Saturday, May 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A copy of York Region's Family Fun Day poster is included as Attachment 2. This year's event will be located at the York Region Transit Operations, Maintenance and

Storage Facility (55 Orlando Drive, Richmond Hill) and will feature a charity barbeque lunch benefitting 360°kids.

This event will raise awareness and provide an opportunity for the Region to receive feedback from residents about the public works services provided to their communities. Each participating department will coordinate displays and activities for residents of all ages. The event is hosted by Regional staff that plan, setup and actively engage participants at various stations and displays. A full list of events and displays is provided in Attachment 3.

Costs involved with participating in the National Public Works Week event and hosting the annual Family Fun Day event are included in the approved 2017 Transportation Services and 2017 Environmental Services operating budgets.

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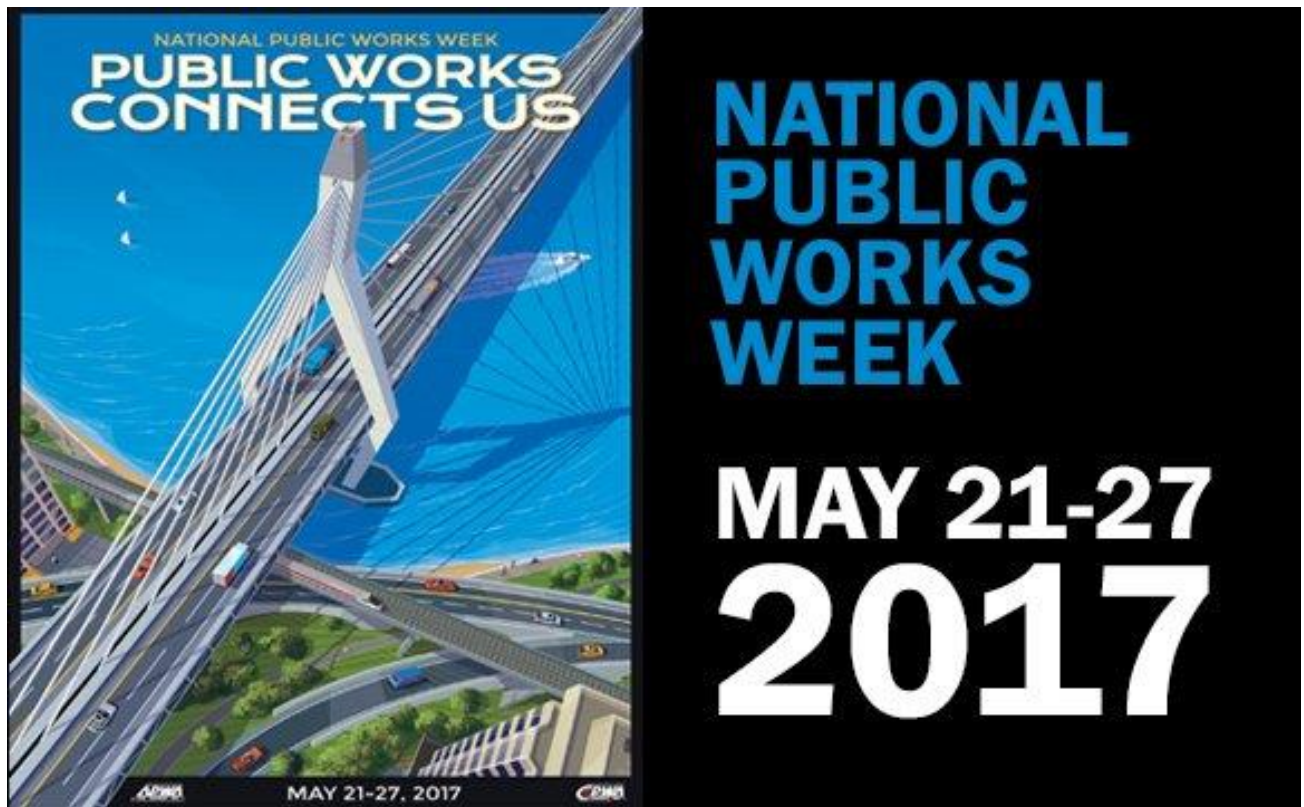
Attachments (3)

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American Public Works Association

2017 Poster



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York Region Family Fun Day Draft Poster 2017

Y O R K R E G I O N P U B L I C W O R K S

Family Fun Day

Saturday, May 27

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

55 Orlando Avenue in the Town of Richmond Hill

- **Meet** Pylon Pete, Barkley the Tree, Toby the Bus and Parry the Paramedic
- **Tour** our facilities
- **Participate** in our interactive displays
- **Enjoy** our charity BBQ (11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- **Visit** the 360°kids display and help support 360°kids



York Region   #YRFamilyFunDay

For more information please call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75000 or visit york.ca/familyfunday

National Public Works Week – May 21-27, 2017
Family Fun Day Activities

Each participating department will prepare displays and activities for residents of all ages.

Planned activities led by Transportation Services include:

- YRT/Viva interactive display and information
- VivaNext display and information
- Voting for the Paint-a-Plow contest
- Traffic safety and pedestrian display

Planned activities led by Environmental Services include:

- Water for Tomorrow display
- Tap'd In mobile water trailer
- Forestry display and activity – including mulch giveaway
- Solid waste management display and composter sale
- Good Food display
- Water and wastewater system displays
- Fats, Oils and Grease vehicle with demonstrations
- Confined Space demonstration
- ON-1 Call Locate activity
- Capital Planning and Delivery pumping display

Additional planned activities led by York Region staff include:

- York Paramedic Services ambulance and display
- YRP K-9, Forensics & Tactical displays
- Emergency Management display
- Corporate Communications display
- Distribution of children's public works activity booklets
- Activities for children, including face painting and craft stations