



Office of the Commissioner  
Transportation Services Department  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of Committee of the Whole

From: Ann-Marie Carroll  
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Commissioner of Environmental Services

Date: March 18, 2022

Re: National Public Works Week May 14 to 21, 2022

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The Regional Municipality of York celebrates National Public Works Week (NPWW) annually by educating and informing residents about the importance of public works in their communities. Across North America and in coordination with Canadian and Ontario Public Works Associations, National Public Works Week is celebrated during the third week of May.

This memo provides an overview of proposed activities for 2022 including Council's acknowledgement of public works staff.

### **National Public Works Week will take place May 14 to 21, 2022**

In 2022, York Region Transportation Services and Environmental Services will continue to participate in NPWW at a Regional and local level. Virtual activities are planned for the public.

### **“Ready and Resilient” is the 2022 theme for National Public Works Week**

This year's theme is “Ready and Resilient” and engages public works staff and residents to work together to create great places to live, work and play.

Public works staff will be recognized throughout the week, acknowledging their delivery of essential services to our residents every day. Staff worked diligently throughout 2021 to ensure public and worker safety following Public Health guidelines while maintaining continuity of services by:

- Providing safe and clean drinking water
- Leading ground-breaking work to sample for traces of the COVID-19 virus at wastewater treatment facilities
- Protecting source water
- Monitoring traffic control and signal operations
- Building, operating and maintaining Regional roads and infrastructure
- Operating conventional, rapid transit and Mobility On-Request services
- Working with bus and waste depot contractors to ensure COVID-19 pandemic protocols, testing and vaccinations were in place to protect residents using Regional services
- Maintaining safe space processes for Regional buildings
- Ensuring work protocols support facility operations and maintenance, such as single vehicles for all field staff, equipment cleaning and appropriate personal protective equipment
- Creating a safe environment for all residents to enjoy York Regional Forests
- Protecting Regional street trees including monitoring, scraping and treating trees to manage the impacts of the LDD/spongy moth
- Educating residents on how to properly dispose of personal protective equipment to reduce litter
- Continuing to move forward greening programs such as bus and corporate vehicle electrification programs

### **Virtual activities are planned for students and the community**

York Region is following public health guidelines to contain the spread of COVID-19 and a cautious approach will be taken this year by planning virtual activities. The following activities are being considered by this year's committee:

- Virtual toolkits that align with the Province of Ontario elementary school curriculum
- Paint-a-plow contest - Students creating designs for the Region's snow plows
- Social media spirit week - Daily messages posted on Twitter and Facebook to inform and engage residents about different public works topics

### **Strong collaboration will continue to make National Public Works Week a success**

National Public Works Week is an important way to acknowledge contributions of public works staff and engage the community. Commissioners and Directors will acknowledge significant contributions and accomplishments of York Region public works staff throughout the month of May.

Staff look forward to continuing our trusted partnerships, planning and coordinating activities to celebrate National Public Works Week in 2022.



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