



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Public Works and Transportation Committee

Date: April 2, 2017

From: Tom Stewart, AScT.
Director, Public Works Operations

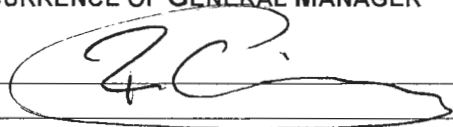


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Re: 2017 National Public Works Week

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled "2017 National Public Works Week", dated April 2, 2017 from the Director, Public Works Operations, be received for information.

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Staff Report

Origin

The Canadian Public Works Association's annual National Public Works Week is from May 21 - 27, 2017 and to celebrate the City will host three events. This report provides information on the events that will be held to recognize National Public Works Week.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #9 A Well-Informed Citizenry:

9.2. Effective engagement strategies and tools.

Analysis

Each May, National Public Works Week is held to celebrate the many people dedicated to their communities by working in public works careers. Municipalities celebrate National Public Works Week with open houses, school and educational events, and displays of public works equipment. The City recognizes National Public Works Week through a proclamation outlining the following areas:

- Public Works services provided in the community are an integral part of Richmond residents' everyday lives.
- The support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of Public Works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings and solid waste collection.
- The health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services.
- The quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skills of Public Works staff.
- The efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff the Public Works department is materially influenced by people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.

The City will recognize National Public Works Week by hosting three significant events:

1. Project WET

Project WET, the City's annual water education program developed in partnership with the Richmond School District, will be held May 9th to May 11th. The program will be presented to 14 elementary school classes, with approximately 400 students and teachers expected in attendance. In addition to a variety of water education stations (i.e. conservation, water metering, and hydrant maintenance), there will be Sewerage and Drainage and Environmental Programs stations set up.

2. *National Public Works Week Breakfast and Scholarships*

A breakfast to celebrate Public Works staff will be held on Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 a.m. in the Works Yard garage. The breakfast provides an opportunity for employees to celebrate their achievements and to acknowledge the hard work that staff put into maintaining the City's infrastructure 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additionally, recipients of the \$500 City of Richmond/CUPE Local 394 scholarships will be invited to receive their scholarships on stage. These scholarships are awarded annually to two Richmond high school students who have elected to pursue trades professions.

3. *Engineering and Public Works Open House*

The annual Engineering and Public Works Open House takes place on Saturday, May 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Works Yard, with nearly 8,000 residents attending last year. The free event allows residents to meet City staff, learn about the work they perform and programs offered, and have fun exploring the various booths, interactive displays, food vendors and live entertainment.


This year we will also be incorporating Canada's 150 Celebration into the festivities by having a Memory Lane exhibit that will be a combination of photos and artifacts, along with the Richmond Olympic Oval and Richmond's 150 Pavilion. The CUPE 394 sponsored car show will return but be located at Dover Park this year. In order to ensure traffic flows smoothly we will have Traffic Control Personnel on Lynas Lane from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The City's Engineering and Public Works Division together with Community Services and Community Safety play an active role in celebrating the annual National Public Works Week. Three events are held to recognize and highlight the people who provide and maintain the infrastructure services known as public works. Cities across Canada participate by raising awareness of public works contributions, and encourage community support for these dedicated employees who consistently improve the quality of life for residents.



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