



Transportation Services
Environmental Services

Memorandum

To: Committee of the Whole

From: Paul Jankowski
Commissioner of Transportation Services

Erin Mahoney
Commissioner of Environmental Services

Date: April 5, 2018

Re: **National Public Works Week May 20 to 26, 2018**

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 20-26, 2018

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.

The 2018 National Public Works Week theme is 'The Power of Public Works'

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
- Maintaining and protecting York Region forests
- Seasonal road maintenance
- Monitoring traffic control and signal operations
- Building, operating and maintaining Regional roads and infrastructure
- Operating conventional and rapid transit services and paratransit services and/or on-demand services
- Fleet and equipment services
- Facilities operations maintenance

A series of events are planned throughout National Public Works Week

Events scheduled during National Public Works Week 2018 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 and will visit a York Region forest tract. 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 26

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 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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.

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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 service will coordinate displays and activities for residents of all ages. The event is hosted by Regional staff that plan, set up and actively engage participants at various stations and displays. A full list of events and displays is provided in Attachment 1.

In 2017, 1,494 people attended York Region's Family Fun Day and during this Council's term, over \$6,000 has been raised to date benefitting 360°Kids (2017) and the York Region Centre for Community Safety (2015-2016).

Costs involved with participating in the National Public Works Week events and hosting the annual Family Fun Day event are included in the approved 2018 Transportation Services and 2018 Environmental Services operating budgets.

Paul Jankowski
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Services

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

Family Fun Day



at 55 Orlando Avenue in the Town of Richmond Hill
on Saturday, May 26, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Each participating service will have displays and activities planned for residents of all ages. Some of the planned York Region Transit and Roads Services activities will include:

- York Region Transit interactive display and information
- vivaNext display and information
- Traffic safety and pedestrian signs
- Tours of the bus wash and garage
- Vehicle displays

Forestry, Waste Management and Water activities will include:

- Water for Tomorrow display
- Tap'd In mobile water truck
- Forestry tree-climbing display, children's activity, greening table and giveaway
- Solid Waste Management display
- Good Food display
- Composter Sale
- Water and wastewater system displays
- Fats, Oils and Grease Vehicle with demonstrations
- Confined Space display
- ON-1 Call Locate activity
- Capital Planning and Delivery display/activity
- Mulch giveaway (with donation to charity)

Other services will include activities such as:

- York Paramedic Services ambulance and display
- Emergency Management display
- Property Services display (tentative)
- YRP K-9, Forensics, Tactical and Fraud displays
- Activities for children, including face painting, craft stations and inflatables

