
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2010 April 27
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 32100 01
SUBJECT: NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, 2010 MAY 16-22
PURPOSE: To inform Council of a public event to showcase National Public Works Week

RECOMMENDATION:

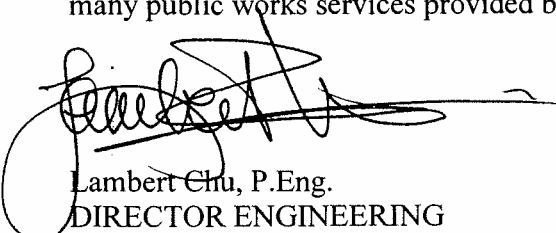
1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

Public participation and community outreach programs are an integral part of City services and the Engineering Department has incorporated these community values as a part of our service delivery standards. In the past few years, community outreach and communication programs such as in-school education on waste reduction and water conservation, cosmetic pesticide reduction campaign, participation in community events, etc. have been implemented to foster better connections between the Engineering Department and the citizens of Burnaby.

The City of Burnaby has proclaimed National Public Works Week (NPWW) annually since 1993. The NPWW event provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the scope and benefits of the works and services provided through the public works operations. It is also an opportunity to recognize the excellent public work service provided by City staff.

In keeping with these goals, the Engineering Department has hosted Open Houses for the general public to learn more about the services and programs delivered by the department. Previous events have been held at the City's Laurel Street Works Yard and at Bob Prittie Library in 2009. This year, staff are promoting NPWW by hosting a public display of services and equipment at the Bonsor Recreation Centre parking lot (along Nelson Ave) on Thursday, May 20 from 10am to 2pm. Displays will include information on various programs such as the new Food Scraps composting program, water conservation, lawn care, and anti-graffiti measures, as well as equipment and operational displays from Roads, Water, Sewer, Traffic, Solid Waste and other engineering divisions. Local schools and neighbourhood associations have also been invited to come and learn about the many public works services provided by the City.



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