

TO: Mayor and Council
Chair and Regional District Board

FROM: UBCM Secretariat

DATE: April 19, 2010

RE: **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK – MAY 16-22, 2010**

UBCM members will recall that on March 26, 2010, we circulated a member notice announcing **Local Government Awareness Week in BC from May 16- 22, 2010**. We are pleased to be working in partnership with CivicInfo BC, the Local Government Management Association, Ministry of Community and Rural Development, and Ministry of Education on this important initiative. The goal for this week is to generate awareness and educate the public about the roles and responsibilities of local government, and encourage the public to participate in local government processes, including voting in local elections.

One of the key departments for any local government is public works. These departments within local governments provide and maintain the services and infrastructure that are integral to every community. For this reason, UBCM was pleased to support a request from the **Public Works Association of BC** to encourage local governments to also proclaim and promote **National Public Works Week**, that same week of **May 16-22**. By working together we can promote and encourage the citizens within our communities to learn more about local government, the services and that they provide and how important local governments are in their day -to-day activities.

Please find attached a copy of the letter from PWABC seeking your support. We would ask that when your council or board is putting forward its proclamation related to Local Government Awareness Week, please consider including the PWABC's proclamation request as well.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to hearing about the many wonderful initiatives that have taken place throughout BC during this very important week.

And just to remind members, the Local Government Awareness website will be up shortly, but if you wish further information about activities and events you can plan to celebrate the week, please contact: Marylyn Chiang at mchiang@ubcm.ca.

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