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King Township earns prestigious APWA accreditation

King one of only two currently accredited Canadian municipalities

King Township is pleased to announce it is one of only two Canadian municipalities currently – and the first in Ontario – to earn a national professional accreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA).

The following three departments applied for and were granted the accreditation: Engineering, Public Works and Building; Planning; and Parks, Recreation and Culture.

The APWA's accreditation program is a self-motivated process that provides public works agencies with a way to compare their policies, procedures, and practices with those identified by nationally recognized public works experts. During October 2018 a team from APWA visited King for a three-day on-site evaluation. After the evaluation period was over King was found to be compliant in all 446 practices applicable to King.

“This is incredibly good news,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. “It shows that our staff members are operating at the highest levels of their professions, going well beyond the standard requirements. For us to be only the second municipality in all of Canada to currently have the accreditation demonstrates how fortunate King is to have such dedicated professionals serving the community.”

Andrzej Drzewiecki, director of the Engineering, Public Works and Building division said staff members from all departments took part in the accreditation process.

“The self-assessment process required significant input from a large number of the King team members, not only the representatives of the involved departments, but also all department heads and our CAO,” Drzewiecki said. “I wish to congratulate and thank all involved in the process for their time and effort – it has been a great team building exercise. We hope that other Canadian municipalities will become involved in the accreditation process”

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The APWA Accreditation program recognizes governmental agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry. On a daily basis, accredited agencies meet or exceed standards of performance in areas such as road and bridge repair and maintenance, engineering and construction services, building and grounds maintenance, utility coordination and vehicle maintenance

- **The Engineering, Public Works and Building department** provides high-quality, cost-effective municipal services to customers and successfully manages and maintains Township-owned infrastructure, facilities and equipment.
- **The Parks, Recreation and Culture department** creates opportunities for building positive relationships, learning and personal growth through provisions of parks, recreation and cultural programs, services and facilities.
- **The Planning department** is responsible for land use planning and development in King Township. It also develops policy and zoning regulations for the Township as a whole and its settlement areas of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg.

For more information about APWA Accreditation, visit <http://bit.ly/2OtwHlj>.

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