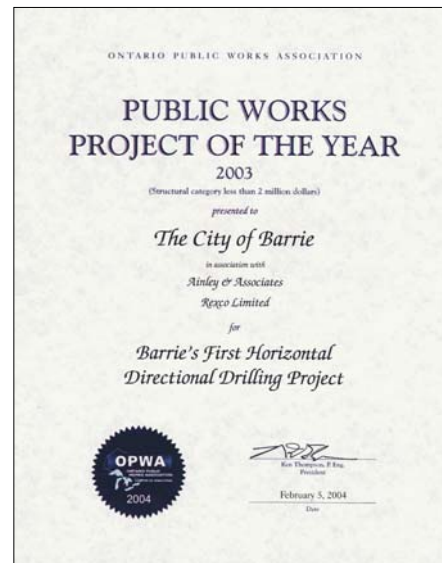


Ainley Group Project Wins OPWA 'Project of the Year Award' for 2003

On February 4, 2004, the Ainley Group, in conjunction with Rexco Limited (general contractor) and the City of Barrie (client), was the recipient of OPWA's 'Public Works Project of the Year' award for 2003 in the Structural Category of less than 2 million dollars. The Award was for the Ainley Group's work on 'Barrie's First Horizontal Directional Drilling Project'.

The Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA) is a Chapter Member of the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA). Since 1986, CPWA has been 'the voice of public works in Canada.' The organization was founded to serve the Canadian public works community and to:

- improve the quality of public works products and services to Canadian citizens
- create a forum for public works professionals in Canada to exchange information
- develop ideas and share skills, knowledge and technologies on issues unique to Canada.



At the OPWA Award's Luncheon held on February 4, 2004, Norman Sandberg (second from right) accepted the award on behalf of Ainley & Associates along with Rodger Laking (far left), of Rexco Limited and Rick Newlove (second from left), Director of Engineering for the City of Barrie. Presenting the award for Public Works Project of the Year for 2003 is Joe Johnson (far right), Past President, OPWA.

Project Award Criteria

The Ontario Chapter Public Works Project of the Year Award was established (2001) to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor, who, working together complete public works projects.

Awards are divided into five categories that include Emergency/Disaster Preparedness, Historical Restoration/Preservation, Structures, Transportation and Environment. Each category is further divided based on the cost of the project—less than \$2 million, \$2 - \$10 million and more than \$10 million.

For the purpose of the Award, Public Works are defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, wastewater, waste disposal, transportation and similar public services in accordance with established public policy.

The Winning Project

In May of 2002, the Ainley Group was retained by the City of Barrie to prepare a Pre-design Report, final design drawings, contract specifications, cost estimates, submissions to approval authorities and to tender the construction of new water transmission and distribution mains.

The project utilized an abandoned railway right-of-way, running parallel with a main arterial road along the shoreline of Kempenfelt Bay. The Ainley Group was also retained to provide contract administration and site-observation services during the construction and commissioning of the project.

This was the first major project undertaken by the City of Barrie using trenchless technology. It not only resulted in a considerable saving when compared to conventional open-cut methods, it also minimized the disruption normally associated with the installation of buried services. The project, awarded to Rexco Limited of Gadshill, Ontario, at its tendered price of \$1,400,000, was completed with little disruption to the public, on time and on budget.



Barrie's waterfront showing Lakeshore Blvd, the abandoned railway right-of-way and the location of the project. The purple dashed line indicates the transmission main and the red dashed line shows the transmission main location.