

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



People Planning Placemaking

2022 SPPI CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2022

REGINA, SK

IN-PERSON CONFERENCE



Overview

The **Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute** is holding its 2022 annual conference on September 26th and 27th. The conference will be primarily in-person at the Delta Hotel in downtown Regina and may include opportunities for virtual components. The Conference Committee would like to invite proposals for presentations, workshops and training sessions.

The theme of this year's conference is '**People, Planning, and Placemaking**,' which will highlight initiatives, tools and techniques relating to planning and the human experience. The topics of sessions may relate to equity, diversity and inclusion, truth and reconciliation, healthy communities, climate change, or any other aspect of planning and development that has a direct impact on the human experience.

Submissions from a variety of different types of professionals are encouraged including practicing planners, educators, engineers, administrators, building officials, economic development professionals, government leaders, leaders of community-based organizations and associations, developers, politicians, community advocates, etc. In particular, presentations or workshops that highlight collaboration across different professional sectors are desirable.

Examples of relevant topics include:

- ◆ Innovations in Community Engagement
- ◆ Planning for Community Health
 - ~ accessibility, affordable and attainable housing, and mental health
- ◆ First Nations and Metis Relationship-Building and Collaboration
- ◆ Adaptation in Rural and Small Town Planning
- ◆ Social Trends and Research
- ◆ Public Realm Planning and Design
- ◆ Collaboration and Interdisciplinary Engagement
- ◆ First Nations Planning and Reconciliation
- ◆ Power and Politics

Unique perspectives relating to the conference theme are welcomed.



Submission Requirements

Proposal submissions must include the following information:

- **Title:** Title of the presentation, which clearly specifies the topic.
- **Bio and Contact Information:** Name(s) of presenter(s), job title, academic background, institutional or corporate affiliation and contact information, including e-mail address and telephone number.
- **Experience:** Presenters' previous speaking experience, including relevant speaking engagements.
- **Format:** Proposed presentation, workshop or session format, which must specify if the proposal is for an in-person or virtual setting.
- **Presentation Length:** Proposed length of session (see Presentation Formats below for further information)
- **Description:** Clear and concise description or abstract of the session, no more than 500 words in length.
- **Additional Info:** Specialized equipment requirements, if any, and any other relevant information.

If you are interested in submitting or have questions, please contact info@sppi.ca. All proposals must be submitted to the SPPI Executive Director, Sarah Taylor, by e-mail to info@sppi.ca.

Submission deadline is May 6th, 2022



Presentation Formats

Presenters are encouraged to utilize a variety of presentation styles to enhance learning and discussion on the topic. Sessions may include panel discussions, workshops, tours, and training. The Conference Committee encourages innovative approaches to presentations!

Short Presentation

- ◆ 30 minutes in length, including 5 to 10 minutes for any questions and discussion
- ◆ 1-2 speakers

Specialized Session

- ◆ Length may vary based on type of presentation, workshop or event.
- ◆ Number of speakers may vary
- ◆ May include walking workshops, or include transportation to local venues or attractions

Long Presentation

- ◆ 1 to 2 hours in length, including 15-20 minutes for any questions and discussion
- ◆ 1-3 speakers
- ◆ May include interactive sessions, panel discussions and workshops.

Training Workshop

- ◆ 1 to 2 hours in length designed to engage participants in a specific topic
- ◆ 1-3 facilitators
- ◆ May include interactive media or unique discussion techniques

SPPI is happy to host the first in-person conference since 2019, we welcome innovative presentation formats that engage the audience and provide unique learning opportunities.



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Selection Process and Review Criteria

The Conference Committee, composed of volunteers from planning practice in both the public and private sector and academia, will review all proposals and selection will be based on the following criteria:

- **Relevance:** The relevance of the topic to planning and to the conference theme(s).
- **Consistency:** The consistency of the submission with the minimum information and format requirements listed in this Call for Proposals.
- **Qualifications:** The presenter's expertise, knowledge and ability to engage and challenge delegates.

Upon submission of a proposal, the Conference Committee may suggest that the presentation be offered in a different format. The Committee will work with the submitter to find a format that best fits with the topic.

The Conference Committee will notify those who have submitted proposals of its decision via e-mail by May 19th, 2022.



Presenter Responsibilities

Each presenter or group of presenters:

- ◆ Must have their presentation, a summary of their presentation (no more than 500 words), a brief biography (no more than 300 words) and a photo submitted to info@sppi.ca by June 16th, 2022.
- ◆ Must indicate intent to attend and register for the conference.
- ◆ Will be responsible for all expenses including conference registration, travel and accommodation (where relevant), non-sponsored meals (where relevant) and miscellaneous charges.

**If you have any questions, please contact:
Sarah Taylor, SPPI Executive Director
info@sppi.ca | 306.535.0993**

Reminder: you must submit your proposal in accordance with the requirements provided in this Call for Proposals package in order to be considered for participation in this year's conference.

SPPI thanks you for your interest in our conference. While we strive to include all proposals submitted, SPPI reserves the right to select those proposals that best reflect the conference theme and format.

