



2023 SPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**PLANNING
IN THE
PRAIRIES**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SEPTEMBER 25 - 26, 2023
DELTA MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN HOTEL
SASKATOON, SK

Overview

The Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute is holding its 2023 annual conference September 25 - 26 at the Delta Marriot Downtown Hotel in Saskatoon, SK.

The Conference Committee would like to invite proposals for presentations, workshops, and training sessions.

Planning in the Prairies

Planning in the Prairies is diverse and dynamic.

We experience opportunities and challenges that encompass a variety of topics that we plan for and respond to locally, regionally, and beyond.

Examples of relevant topics

Practical Planning Tools
Downtown Revitalization
Planning and Implementing Climate Change Adaptation
Indigenous Planning and Economic Development
Rural and Small Town Planning
Watershed Planning
Safe Urban and Rural Environments and Communities
Food Security
Eco-Tourism and Prairie Tourism
Hazard Land Management and Flood Mapping
Parks and Recreation Planning
Renewable Energy and changing technology
Affordable Housing and Houselessness
Evolution of Bedroom Communities
Agriculture and Agribusiness
Planning Appeals and Enforcement
Urban and Rural Public Transportation
Demographic and Labour Mobility Shifts

Submissions

Submissions from various types of professionals and community members are encouraged including practicing planners, educators or students, Indigenous communities and organizations, engineers, building officials or other professions, leaders of community-based organizations and associations, developers, politicians, and community advocates.

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), 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.

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:

SPPI Executive Director
Sarah Taylor
info@sppi.ca.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
MAY 5, 2023

Presentation Formats

Presenters are encouraged to utilize a variety of presentation styles to enhance learning and discussion.

The Conference Committee encourages innovative approaches, so reach out if you have an idea that is outside of the box!

SHORT

- 30 minutes including Q&A
- One or Two Speakers

LONG

- One to Two hours including Q &A
- May include multiple speakers
- May include interactive and panel Sessions

SPECIALIZED

- Length may vary based on the proposal
- May include more than one speaker
- Walking workshops or mobile tours

TRAINING

- One to Two hours
- Designed to engage
- May include multiple facilitators
- Interactive media and discussion encouraged

UNIQUE

Do you have an idea that doesn't fit in the box? Let us know! The Conference Committee encourages submissions for out-of-the-box thinking and presentations.



Selection and Review

The Conference Committee, composed of volunteers from planning practice in both the public and private sectors 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 the topic.

The Conference Committee will notify those who have submitted proposals of its decision via e-mail by **May 19th, 2023**.

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, 2023**.
- 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.

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.