



2026 SPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

All proposals must be submitted to the
SPPI Executive Director, Sarah Taylor,
by email: info@spci.ca by May 31, 2026



Overview

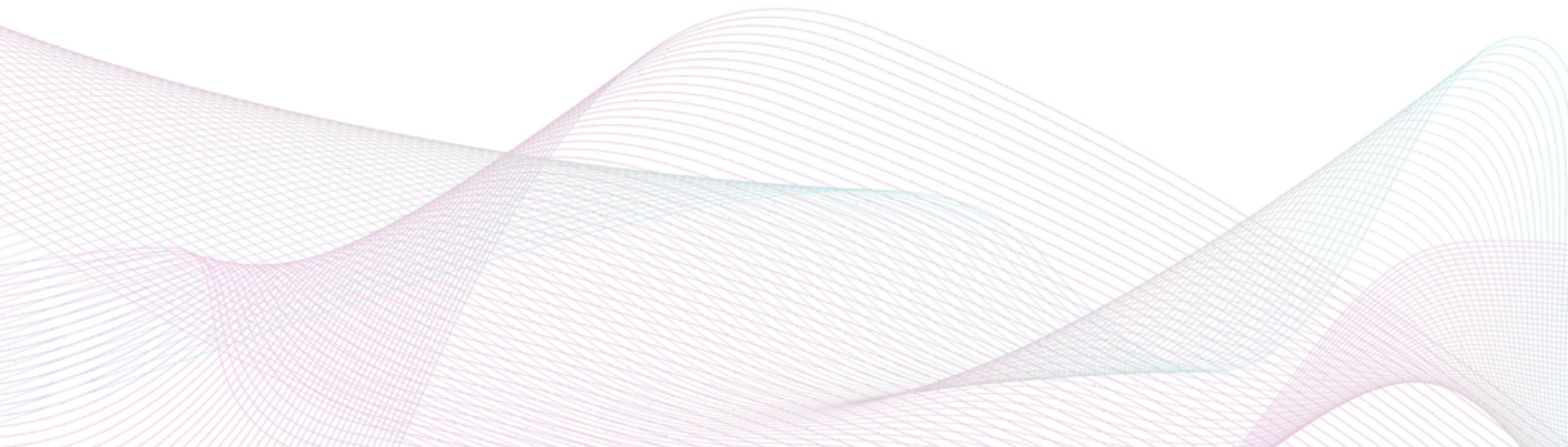
The 2026 SPPI conference will take place on Monday, October 5th and Tuesday October 6th, 2026 at the [Sheraton Cavalier](#) located in the heart of downtown Saskatoon and situated in Treaty 6 Territory. Our annual conference will provide a platform for learning, professional networking, and celebrating our member's accomplishments.

We also wish to recognize the Métis and many First Nations people whose traditional lands are located in Treaty 6 Territory and have called this area home since time immemorial including the Cree, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, Saulteaux, and Dene Peoples. SPPI recognizes that it is essential for planners to recognize and include the diversity of needs, rights, and knowledge systems for all peoples living on the land

Presentation Formats

Presenters are encouraged to submit creative presentation styles, formats and room layouts that enhance learning and discussion; in particular, presentations, mobile tours or workshops that highlight practical planning tools and implementation are desirable.

Submissions from various types of professionals are encouraged including planners, researchers/educators, engineers, local businesses, building officials, economic development professionals, government leaders, Indigenous organizations and community groups.



Research/Academic Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the latest research related to planning or conference theme • Usually a 15 minute presentation, followed by a similar length feedback period
Concurrent Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual or panel presentation on a topic. • Typically 1+ hours in length, with a 15 to 30 minute question and discussion period at the end
Fast, Funny, or Other Unique Style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length may vary based on the type of specialized session offered. • Number of speakers may vary • May be combined with other submissions
Mobile Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A learning activity or presentation that takes place off-site or in the local community. • Length may vary, or can be repeated as concurrent sessions
Training or Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands-on, interactive skill development or training. • Length may vary, or can be repeated as concurrent sessions. • May include interactive media or unique discussion techniques
Student Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May include student-led research, as well as studio projects. 10 to 15 minutes, followed by a 5 minute question period. • May be combined with other submissions

Submission Requirements

Your written submission must include the following information:

- Title: Working title of the presentation, which clearly specifies the topic/theme relevance
 - Description: Outline the content of your presentation, including relevance to the conference theme and/or key takeaways. No more than 500 words in length
 - Format: Proposed presentation, workshop or session format
 - Presentation Length: Preferred length of session (if your presentation length is flexible please indicate all options)
 - Main Contact Information: Name of main contact person, email address and telephone number. This individual receives communications and is responsible for sharing information with any co-presenters.
 - Speaker Bio: Name(s) of presenter(s), title, and institutional or corporate affiliation.
 - Experience: Presenters' previous speaking experience, including examples of relevant past speaking engagements.
 - Audio/visual: Note any audio/visual needs including microphones, PowerPoint presentation screen, video input, etc. that you will require.
 - Additional Info: Please list any other relevant information.
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Selection Process

You must submit your proposal in accordance with this Call for Proposals package in order to be considered for participation. The SPPI conference programming committee 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).
- Uniqueness: Inclusion of innovative approaches to presentations or content ideas not presented before at a SPPI conference.
- Qualifications: The presenter's expertise, knowledge, and presentation style/ capability (i.e. engage and challenge delegates).

Presenter Responsibility

Each selected presenter or group of presenters must:

- Be responsible for all expenses including conference registration, travel, accommodation, non-sponsored meals, and miscellaneous charges.
- Be prepared to submit a summary of their presentation (no more than 500 words) and all speaker headshots and biographies (no more than 300 words each) **by May 31, 2026.**
- Be prepared to submit all final conference presentation materials, including PowerPoint presentations and hand out materials **by August 31, 2026.**
- Presenters are not required to be registered delegates of the conference if they plan to participate only in the session they are presenting.



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You will be notified of a decision via email by June 30, 2026.

While we strive to include all proposals submitted, SPPI reserves the right to select those proposals that best reflect our membership and the conference theme and format. The conference committee may suggest that a presentation be offered in a different format and will work with the submitter to find a format that best fits our event.

Questions before applying?

Please contact Sarah Taylor, SPPI Executive Director at info@sppi.ca or 306-535-0993

