



2016 Manitoba Planning Conference:

Call for Presentations

This is a Call for Presentations to the 2016 Manitoba Planning Conference to be held May 18–20, 2016 at the Victoria Inn in Brandon, Manitoba.

The Manitoba Planning Conference is an annual event to:

- Promote sound community planning.
- Promote the safe, efficient development of land in Manitoba.
- Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders involved in planning (elected officials, planning professional, academics, and the public) to share best planning practices and learn about new and emerging trends in planning.

2016 Conference Theme and Streams

Envisioning Manitoba: Building Futures Together

Where do we want to be in 20 or 30 years? Today's planning challenges cross natural, economic, social and cultural boundaries. How can we embrace diversity and move forward with respect, trust and cooperation to achieve common goals? Through planning, we can bridge gaps between communities and adapt to meet the current and future needs of Manitoba's diverse population. At this conference, participants will expand networks and gain new knowledge and insight by exploring Relationship Building, Visioning and Practical Tools.

Streams:

- Building Relationships
- Visioning and Goal Setting
- Practical Tools

Application Deadline

4:00 PM (Central Standard Time), **FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016**

Presentation Categories

The 2016 Manitoba Planning Conference Program Committee is seeking presentations that are consistent with the conference theme. Presentation slots are one hour in length. Workshops of longer length may be available. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Planning with First Nations and Métis
- Urban reserves, Treaty Land Entitlement, and municipal governments
- Indigenous Traditional Knowledge and land use planning
- First Nation and Métis engagement and consultation
- Community Engagement - IAP2 and beyond
- Public participation techniques - CommunityVis, open space, World Cafe, Socratic circles, The Art of Hosting Conversations/Discussions
- New ways to tackle zoning bylaws (is zoning necessary? why do we zone?)
- Development cost / benefit analysis / pro-formas
- Subdivision design
- Cluster development in rural areas
- Downtown and main street revitalization
- Integrating land use and transportation planning
- Complete Streets and active transportation
- Community needs assessment
- How to review a site plan (adding value without undermining the designer and developer)
- Planning on the urban fringe
- Cooperation in Capital regions – Service sharing
- Immigration and settlement
- Planning for refugees involves more than housing
- Environmental planning and assessment, and climate change impacts on planning
- Climate change – mitigation and adaptation
- Planning for sustainable infrastructure
- Managing water quality and quantity

Guidelines for Presenters

- All proposals are reviewed by a conference subcommittee.
- Presentations must be relevant to the theme of Envisioning Manitoba.
- Presentations should exemplify and articulate a specific activity or approach and have real-world application. Presenters must refrain from marketing particular products or services.
- Space for presentations is limited. Not all proposals submitted will be invited to present at the conference.
- Presenters do not receive remuneration.

Incomplete proposals that do not follow the guidelines will not be reviewed. One individual or group of presenters (limit of three presenters per group) may submit a maximum of two different presentations.

Notification of Results

You will be notified by **Friday, February 5, 2016** as to whether your presentation has been accepted.

Submission Checklist

- All submissions to be sent via email to: alupu@shaw.ca.
- Please submit a detailed abstract of 200-400 words that describes the presentation content, and what the attendees will learn or take away from the presentation.
- Also submit a 75-100 word biography for each presenter and co-presenter(s) that details the presenters experience / qualifications to speak on the presentation topic.
- Please ensure that the submission includes the following:
 - Presentation title
 - Name(s) of presenters
 - Contact information of presenter(s)
 - Proposed length of presentation
 - Type of presentation (i.e. concurrent session and/or workshop)
 - Format of presentation (e.g. PowerPoint)
 - Special requirements other than basic Audio-Video (Computer, screen & sound system)

All submissions must be typed and submitted electronically to alupu@shaw.ca

Recommend a Speaker

We are always looking for high quality presentations. If you know someone whose expertise in a subject you feel is exceptional, please send us your recommendation and the contact information of the proposed presenter to alupu@shaw.ca. With your help, others in the planning community can benefit from their knowledge at a future conference.