



# Partners in Planning

2018 SPPI Annual Conference

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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## WELCOME

The **Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute** is holding its 2018 annual conference on September 17th and 18th at the Sheraton Cavalier in beautiful downtown Saskatoon. The Conference Committee would like to invite proposals for presentations, workshops, and sessions.

The theme of this year's conference is **'Partners in Planning,'** which will focus on the contributions and collaborations of all our industry partners across Saskatchewan and beyond. Our partners in planning range from engineers to artists, work at scales from millimetres to kilometres, and represent organizations from one to 1 million. Let's showcase the true breadth of our profession!

You can expect this year's conference to focus on such topics as municipal administration, collaboration, student engagement, challenges and innovation, service provision, sustainability and the future, community diversity, and more. For this theme, as for our profession, adaptability is built in.

We encourage submission of proposals from professionals including but not limited to: engineers, administrators, architects, landscape architects, building officials, developers, policy analysts, politicians, students, community advocates, journalists, and more. The general topic is 'Partners in Planning'—specific topics are unrestricted.

As well, the Regional and Urban Planning program at the University of Saskatchewan is turning 50 this year. Help us celebrate the dynamic relationship that exists with our most foundational partner in planning—students!

# POTENTIAL TOPICS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:



# HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

**Abstract submissions must outline the following information:**

- Title of the presentation, which clearly indicates the topic.
- Name(s) of presenter(s), job title, academic background, institutional or corporate affiliation and contact information, including e-mail address and telephone number.
- Presenters' previous speaking experience, including relevant speaking engagements.
- Proposed presentation format.
- Clear and concise description or abstract of the session, no more than 300 words in length.
- Specialized equipment requirements.

The conference program will include a mix of plenary and concurrent sessions that are designed to appeal to a variety of learning styles.

Sessions may include panel discussions, workshops, mobile tours, and training sessions.

The Conference Committee encourages innovative approaches to presentations!

All proposals must be submitted to the SPPI Executive Director, Marilyn Steranka, by e-mail to [info@sppi.ca](mailto:info@sppi.ca).  
**Submission deadline is May 18, 2018.**

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## PRESENTATION & WORKSHOP FORMATS

Proposal formats could fit one of the following:

### SHORT PRESENTATION

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

### LONG PRESENTATION

1 to 2 hours in length, including 20 minutes for any questions and discussion (1-3 speakers). May include interactive presentations, panel discussions and workshops conducted within the conference venue.

### TRAINING WORKSHOPS

2 or more hours in length on a particular topic (1-2 speakers).

### MOBILE TOURS & WORKSHOPS

2 or more hours in length (1-2 leaders). May be walking workshops or involve transportation to local venues and attractions.  
*(Please note the conference venue is in downtown Saskatoon.)*

Do you have a creative approach to presenting your topic? Please describe in your submission.

## SELECTION CRITERIA & REVIEW PROCESS

The Conference Committee, composed of volunteers from practice and academia, will review all proposals and selection will be based on the following criteria:

The relevance of the topic to planning and to the conference theme(s).

The presenter's expertise, knowledge and ability to engage and challenge delegates.

The consistency of the submission with the minimum information and format requirements listed on page 3.

The proposed session's fit within the conference structure.

The Conference Committee may determine that a proposal could or should be presented in a format other than that proposed by the submitter. The submitter will be consulted regarding this option.

The Conference Committee will notify those who have submitted proposals of its decision by e-mail by May 25, 2018.

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## PRESENTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Each presenter or group of presenters:

- Must have their presentation, a summary of their presentation (no more than 300 words), a brief biography (no more than 300 words) and a photo submitted to [info@sppi.ca](mailto:info@sppi.ca) by **June 22, 2018**.
- Must indicate intent to attend and register for the conference.
- Will be responsible for all expenses, including travel, accommodation, conference registration, non-sponsored meals and miscellaneous charges.

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Marilyn Steranka, SPPI Executive Director**  
[info@sppi.ca](mailto:info@sppi.ca) | 306.584.3879

Reminder: you must submit your proposal in accordance with the requirements on page 3 via email to [info@sppi.ca](mailto:info@sppi.ca) by **May 18, 2018** to be considered for 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.