

Why Plan?

Call for Presentations



The threads of diversity are woven through every aspect of our province. The increasing complexity of our communities presents a challenge for planners and civic and Indigenous leaders, which provides the inspiration for this year's conference theme:

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Do you have a presentation idea that addresses the question: **Can we understand diverse views, share ideas and seek common ground as we engage in our day-to-day practice?** Balancing the big picture with the details is the real challenge of planning. Help us explore how planning is used to identify and achieve goals with a clear understanding of local community. This is an excellent opportunity to engage and share information with all stakeholders and Indigenous Communities involved in local planning (elected officials, First Nation and Métis leaders, planning professionals, academics and the public).

Your presentation may fall into any of the following Streams:

*Cooperation
&
Integration*

*Environments
&
Places*

*Tools
&
Techniques*

Presentation Categories

The 2017 Manitoba Planning Conference Program Committee is seeking presentations that address our conference theme *Why Plan?* The nature of planning and its objectives are as varied as the communities we live in and the issues we face. Whether you are planning within the context of the public or private sector; involved with land use, community or the environment; Civic and indigenous leaders together with Manitoba planners are shaping the fabric of our province. Although topic ideas may include but are not limited to the following list, your presentation should clearly address **how planning is used to identify and achieve goals with a clear understanding of local community.**

- Demographic shifts
- Planning in an urban fringe
- Community identity within a larger region
- Urban reserves
- Planning with First Nations
- Treaty land entitlement and municipal governments
- Planning between jurisdictions
- Managing water quality and quantity
- Social planning
- Service sharing
- Cluster development in rural areas
- Downtown and main street revitalization
- Public transportation

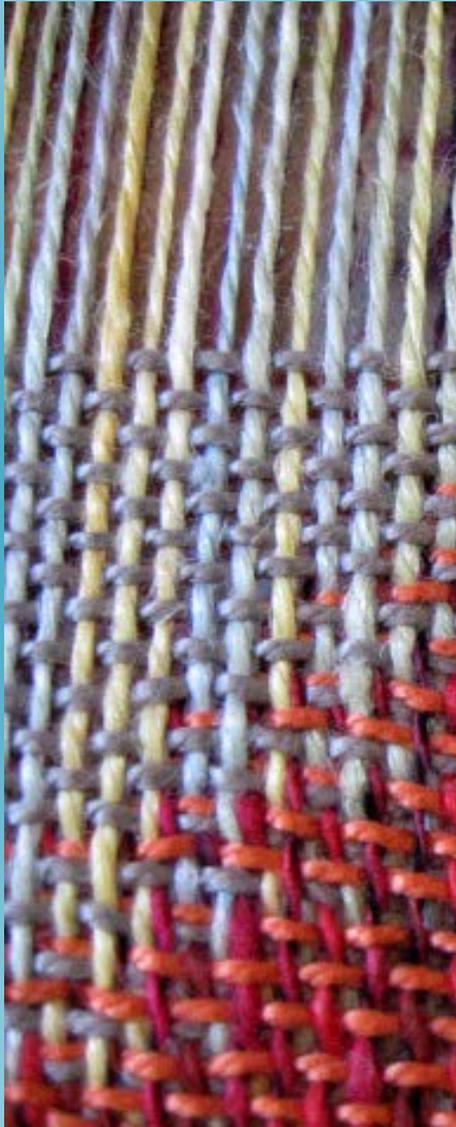
Presenters Responsibilities

Each presenter or group of presenters:

1. Must submit a proposal as described on page 4 on or before January 13, 2017.
2. Must indicate intent to attend and register for the conference.
3. Will be responsible for all expenses, including travel, accommodation, conference registration, non-sponsored meals and miscellaneous charges.



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How to Submit Your Proposal

Presentation Abstract submissions must include the following:

1. Title of the presentation, which clearly indicates the topic.
2. Name(s) of presenter(s), job title, academic background, institutional or corporate affiliation and contact information including e-mail address and telephone number.
3. Presenter's previous speaking experience, including relevant speaking engagements.
4. Proposed presentation format.
5. Short (50 word) summary of the presentation for inclusion in the program.
6. Clear and concise description or abstract of the session (300 words) for the selection process.
7. Specialized equipment requirements.

All proposals must be submitted to Ariel Lupu, by email at alupu@shaw.ca. The submission deadline is **Friday, January 13, 2017**.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Janis Dicks, by email at Janis.dicks@gov.mb.ca or by phone at **(204) 268-6065**.

Notification of Results

You will be notified by **February 10, 2017** as to whether or not your presentation has been accepted.

Recommend a Speaker

We are always looking for high quality presentations. If you have seen one, or you know someone whose expertise in a subject you feel is exceptional, please send us whatever contact information you have available. With your help, others in the planning community can benefit from their knowledge at a future conference.

Presentation Format Options

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. One individual or group of presenters (limit of three presenters per group) may submit a maximum of two different presentations.

*Pre-
Conference
Workshops*

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

*Concurrent
Sessions*

1 hour in length, including 5 to 10 minutes for any questions and discussion (1-3 speakers). May include interactive presentations, panel discussions and workshops conducted within the conference venue.

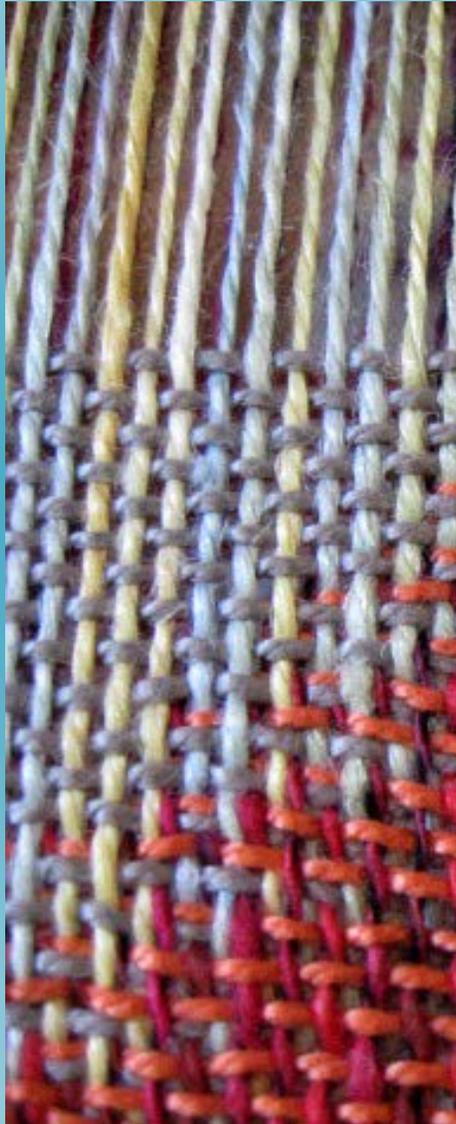
*Extended
Training and
Long
Presentation*

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

*Mobile
Tours*

2.5 hours in length (1-2 leaders). May be walking workshops or involve transportation to local venues and attractions.





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Selection Criteria & Review Process

While we strive to include all proposals submitted, the Program Committee reserves the right to select those proposals that best reflect the conference theme and format. The Conference Program Committee, composed of volunteers from practice and academia, will review all proposals and selection will be based on the following criteria:

Why Plan? Relevance to the conference theme

Presenter's expertise, knowledge and ability to engage and challenge delegates

Consistency of the submission with the minimum information and format requirements listed on page 3

Proposed session's fit within the conference streams

Ability to exemplify and articulate a specific activity or approach and have real world application

The Manitoba Planning Conference thanks you for your interest in our conference.

Reminder: you must submit your proposal in accordance with the requirements on pages 3 and 4 via email to alupu@shaw.ca by **January 13, 2017** to be considered for this year's conference.

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