



NAVIGATING AN
UNCERTAIN FUTURE
2023 OCTOBER
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JASPER, ALBERTA

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WEDNESDAY
MAY 10, 2023

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Join us at the 2023 APPI Conference in Jasper: **Navigating an Uncertain Future.**

Are you also asking yourself, day in and day out, “what does the future look like?” Many of us have shared this concern in the past few years and months — ranging from managing remote working, to disconnecting socially, and dealing with new technological advances such as autonomous vehicles, artificial intelligence, etc. With the disruption of global trade waning, however the continued uncertainty over the global economy, we are all in a situation nobody has experienced before. We are being forced into a new way of managing.

As planners, we realize that in order to have a sustainable future for our cities and communities we must come up with innovative and future-ready solutions and continue to grow in our ability to deal with complex, evolving and uncertain situations.

The 2023 APPI Conference will address how planning is evolving to meet future needs and how we continue “navigating an uncertain future”. This conference will be held in person to allow delegates and attendees the opportunity to connect, network and learn from one another.

APPI invites professional planners, related professionals and students to submit their proposals for unique, creative and unconventional discussions on how we, together, can navigate an uncertain future.

Thank you from the APPI 2023 Conference Program Committee! We look forward to seeing you in Jasper!

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Liz Pollock
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THE CONFERENCE

The conference will explore how planning is evolving and will continue to evolve in the future and how to navigate the uncertainty. The expected outcomes of the conference include introducing participants to new and exciting ways that can help planners learn how to build future-ready cities and communities — while providing them with tangible and technical elements to utilize in day-to-day lives.

KEY DATES



ELIGIBLE PRESENTERS

The 2023 Conference session proposals is calling for unique, creative, in-person discussions that meet the conference theme. We are seeking a wide range of applicants, including, but not limited to:

- Professionals outside the planning industry
- Practicing professional planners both within and outside of the APPI jurisdiction
- Individuals who identify as First Nations, Inuit, Métis, LGBTQ2S+, women, persons of colour, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized or disadvantaged groups
- Students — both APPI Student Members and non-student members

SESSION FORMAT

The 2023 APPI Conference will be hosted in-person and the program will include a mix of session types designed to appeal to a broad range of interests.

A maximum of two presenters per session is preferred.

SESSION DURATION

The recommended length for session proposals is 1.25 - 1.5 hours. This time includes the presentation (45 minutes, but flexible), attendee interaction (if applicable), and a 30 minute Q & A. However, if you propose a longer session, panel presentation or an exciting and different method for your proposed session, do not hesitate to submit it! APPI is always open to considering new, innovative, and engaging ways for attendees to learn. Please provide justification for the additional time required.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submissions must include the following:

1. Title of presentation (limit 50 characters, make it creative!)
2. Session description in 200 words or less. Outline the content of your presentation, identify key takeaways and why attendees should choose your session.
3. Contact details including name, company/organization, and contact information for all session presenters (telephone number and email address) as well as a brief biography for each presenter (80 words max per presenter). The person submitting the proposal is considered the primary point of contact. This individual receives communications and is responsible for sharing information with any co-presenters.
4. Session maximum block of time is 1.25 or 1.5 hours. Suggested session length to be 45 (flexible) minutes with 30 minutes for a Q&A period.
5. Format: describe the tools used to accompany your verbal presentation – pptx; video: OR will it be a panel or workshop format.
6. Confirmation that you are willing to allow your session to be recorded.
7. Proposal Checklist [Click here to view the Checklist.](#)

SELECTION CRITERIA AND REVIEW PROCESS

All proposals are peer reviewed by APPI's Conference Program Committee and each reviewer assesses proposals against established criteria. [Click here to view the Criteria.](#) Additional considerations by the Program Committee include content that represents rural interests and issues, geographic distribution across the APPI jurisdiction, public sector and private sector, perspectives and experience of First Nations, Inuit, Métis, LGBTQ2S+, women, persons of colour, persons with disabilities and other marginalized or disadvantaged groups.

- The Program Committee may determine a proposal could or should be presented in a format other than how proposed. The applicant will be consulted in this circumstance.
- The primary contact person listed on the proposal will be emailed with a final decision.
- The decision of the Program Committee on the inclusion or rejection of a proposal, and the presentation format, is final.
- Reviewer comments will not be supplied to those who have submitted proposals, nor will the Program Committee respond to requests for comment regarding rejection of any proposal.
- Please note content intended to solicit business or sell products or services will not be considered.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Presenters are not required to be registered delegates of the conference if they plan to participate only in the session they are presenting.
- Presenters looking to attend the rest of the conference in-person are required to register and pay the applicable reduced registration rate.
- The Program Committee will work with selected presenters to finalize their presentation time slot within the conference schedule and will share the final conference schedule with presenters as soon as possible. The schedule must be strictly adhered to as it will be used to market the conference.
- Please be available and start preparing the session materials as soon as possible.
- Presenters will receive no compensation (financial or otherwise).

If you have any questions about the call for proposals or the APPI Conference, please email Lina ElSetouhy, *Conference Co-Chair*, at lina.elsetouhy@wsp.com or contact [APPI Administration](#).



PLEASE SUBMIT PROPOSALS
IN PDF FORMAT VIA EMAIL TO:
LINA ELSETOUHY, CONFERENCE CO-CHAIR

LINA.ELSETOUHY@WSP.COM

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Privacy Clause: Personal and commercial information is collected under the authority of the Personal Information Protection Act. The use of personal and commercial information is limited to administration of the conference registrations and management.