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Intent to Host – Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020

Dear Michael Rosen:

Please accept this RFP response together with the City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

As the Director of the Forestry and Peatlands Branch of Manitoba Sustainable Development, I feel that 2020 is the right time to bring the Canadian Urban Forest Conference to Winnipeg. Forestry and Peatlands Branch supports Winnipeg hosting the conference in 2020, as urban forestry is seeing significant momentum and growth throughout Manitoba.

The Manitoba government recognizes the importance of urban forests in this province. Through our work with Dutch elm disease (DED) management in 38 Manitoba communities, along with supporting DED management in Winnipeg, we have helped further urban forestry in Manitoba's villages, towns, and cities. It is recognized that the City of Winnipeg has long been a leader in urban forestry maintaining the largest urban elm population in North America.

The spirit of partnership between municipalities and the province has been further strengthened as a result of finding emerald ash borer in Winnipeg late in 2017. The City of Winnipeg and the Forestry and Peatlands Branch have been working together to tackle this issue, and we are working with other Manitoba municipalities to prepare them for EAB. Having the conference in Winnipeg would be an excellent opportunity to highlight the importance of partnerships and cooperation.

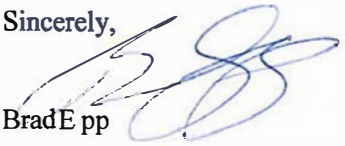
As a part CUFN's Prairie Region, we recently organized an urban forestry workshop in Portage la Prairie with a group of like-minded and enthusiastic individuals from 20 municipalities. From this workshop, communities began networking and learning from each other about urban forest management and best practices. An ad hoc Manitoba Urban Forestry Council has begun to form with plans for further workshops and would be supportive of the 2020 conference in Winnipeg.

Manitoba Forestry and Peatlands Branch has a small but dedicated urban forestry staff, with experience in conference and event organization that will be made available to assist the City of Winnipeg and other partners in hosting this prestigious event.

Winnipeg has a strong record of hosting successful national and international events. With a large group of supporters, volunteers, and organizations to draw on, Winnipeg is an ideal choice to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020. On behalf of Forestry and Peatlands Branch, we support Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg in their efforts to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to the possibility of hosting this amazing event in Manitoba.

Sincerely,



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RE: Letter of Interest/Intent - Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020

Dear Mr. Rosen,

The Public Works Department, with the support of numerous organizations listed below, is pleased to present this RFP response to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The City of Winnipeg, Tourism Winnipeg, and organizing committee are prepared to offer our full support to ensure a successful event, and there are many compelling reasons to choose Winnipeg as a future conference site. Trees are of utmost importance in Winnipeg. City Council has continually funded and supported urban forestry by funding a premiere Dutch elm disease program for over 40 years. The introduction of emerald ash borer (EAB) in Winnipeg poses new challenges that need to be addressed to ensure Winnipeg continues to have an abundant urban forest canopy.

Winnipeg is a unique location to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference for a number of reasons:

- Located in the geographic centre of North America, Winnipeg's central location makes it convenient for delegates, as flying into Winnipeg means shorter, more affordable flights, which will encourage attendees from both eastern and western Canada to attend, as well as attendees from the Midwestern United States, including Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin). Travel to and from Winnipeg is easy with several major carriers, including Air Canada, WestJet, Delta Airlines, and United Airlines.
- Winnipeg would like to combine the CUFC 2020 with the ISA Prairie Chapter Meeting in order to increase overall attendance.
- Manitoba is in the process of creating the Manitoba Urban Forest Council, which it anticipates will be established well in advance of CUFC 2020.
- 2020 will be Manitoba's sesquicentennial (150th anniversary), and it would also mark 27 years since the CUFC was first held in Winnipeg (the 1st Inaugural CUFC was held in Winnipeg in 1993).

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- Winnipeg is a "hot spot for invasive urban forest pests"— we have it all! Our Dutch elm disease management program is the largest and most successful in North America and now that emerald ash borer (EAB) has been discovered in Winnipeg, Western Canada is watching closely the development of this pest in our climate.
- Winnipeg has the largest population of American elm in any city in North America, and the largest bur oak population in any city in Western Canada.
- Manitoba is the only province that includes urban forests in its provincial legislation, as well as the only province with active provincial and municipal partnerships when it comes to urban forest legislation.

We want to showcase Winnipeg, its urban forests, and its unique challenges and opportunities at CUFC 2020.

This city takes pride in being extraordinary and looks forward to hosting the Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) in 2020 to create vibrant and lasting memories.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to the possibility of hosting this prestigious event in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,

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City of Winnipeg, Mayor Brian Bowman
Province of Manitoba, Forestry & Peatlands Branch, Director of Forestry, Brad Epp
City of Morden, ISA Certified Arborist, Shawn Dias
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Letter of Support – Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020

Dear Mr. Michael Rosen,

Tourism Winnipeg, together with the Province of Manitoba, City of Winnipeg and numerous supporting organizations, is pleased to present this RFP response to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Nous sommes ravis de soumettre cette réponse à l'appel d'offre pour être la ville hôte pour la Conférence canadienne sur la forêt urbaine en 2020.

The City of Winnipeg, Tourism Winnipeg, and organizing committee are prepared to offer our full support to ensure a successful event, and there are many compelling reasons to choose Winnipeg as a future conference site.

We want to showcase Winnipeg, its urban forests, and its unique challenges and opportunities at CUFC 2020. Nous voulons faire valoir non seulement nos forêts urbaines, notre belle ville mais aussi présenter ces défis uniques et opportunités.

You may have heard that Vogue recently coined Winnipeg as "vaguely exotic, totally obscure and a must visit destination." Winnipeg is a city on the rise with the newly expanded convention centre and world-class attractions you won't find anywhere else.

Winnipeg hosted the 1st inaugural CUFC in 1993, and the city has changed tremendously since then, with new developments such as the following:

- The RBC Conference Centre has undergone an expansion, which was completed in March 2016, making it the 4th-largest convention centre in Canada.

- Winnipeg's hotel inventory is growing, with 11 new hotel openings since 2011 and another 8 planned to open by 2020. Millions of dollars in capital hotel renovations have recently been completed to guest rooms, lobbies, meeting spaces, and ballrooms in conference hotels throughout Winnipeg.

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Winnipeg has a range of unique off-site venues to wow your delegates. Host a cocktail reception while polar bears and seals swim overhead at Assiniboine Park Zoo's new polar bear exhibit, Journey to Churchill; interact with costumed interpreters from the fur-trade era at Fort Gibraltar; or hold a meeting at the tranquil nature retreat of FortWhyte Alive for a memorable escape.

Experience the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR), the only museum in the world dedicated to human rights education and awareness. This architectural icon has many rental spaces available from a corporate board room to a dramatic hall ideal for large-scale receptions, along with guided tours available for delegates and companions.

Tourism Winnipeg, Winnipeg's destination marketing organization, is pleased to extend an invitation for you to come for a site visit anytime throughout the year at your convenience. Tourism Winnipeg will arrange your hotel reservation, pick you up at the airport and personalize your inspection itinerary to ensure you visit meeting and conference facilities, including hotels, off-site venues, potential suppliers and other relevant venues that would provide the best environment for your conference.

If Winnipeg is accepted as the host city, we will be pleased to present accommodations and meeting venue options, connect you with local professional planners and suppliers, provide marketing materials for your attendees, supply video and web links to assist in building attendance, and customize itineraries for delegates to know what's happening in Winnipeg while they are here.

This city takes pride in being extraordinary and looks forward to hosting the Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) in 2020 to create vibrant and lasting memories.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to the possibility of hosting this prestigious event in Winnipeg during our sesquentennial year (150th anniversary).

Merci pour votre considération. C'est avec plaisir de vous acceuillir en 2020!

Warm regards
Cordialement

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View of downtown from Winnipeg's River Heights neighbourhood, courtesy of: aerialcommandnashville.com

Meeting Your Needs

Tree Canada, Canada's national tree organization, is seeking proposals by municipalities east of Saskatchewan to host the prestigious 14th Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) in 2020. As per the RFP posted to the Tree Canada website, the following items have been addressed throughout this proposal from Winnipeg, Manitoba:

Urban forest program history and commitment ..... page 10-11

Suggested themes for the conference ..... page 12

Timeline identifying milestones ..... page 35-36

Highlights of a preliminary budget ..... page 34

Potential collaborators ..... page 13, 48-63

Accessibility to airports and other transportation ..... page 12, 21-22

Venue choice and willingness to sign a hotel agreement ..... page 12

Willingness to Co-Chair the Organizing Committee with Tree Canada .... page 13

Proof of backing of Council and staff (i.e. letter of support) ..... page 64

Strong community involvement and field tour suggestions ..... page 13, 37-43

Willingness to allow 50% of the profits to go towards a local legacy project, and 50% of the profits to be given to Tree Canada ..... page 11

Bilingual Community ..... page 10, 63

Canadian Urban Forestry Conference 2020: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Creative Partnerships in Urban Forest Management / Partenanats innovants en gestion des forêts urbaines

Située à proximité du centre géographique de l'Amérique du Nord, Winnipeg se trouve au confluent de la rivière Rouge et de l'Assiniboine (surnommé/ aussi connu sous le nom de « la Fourche »). Depuis plus de 6000 ans, ce site historique est un lieu de rassemblement fréquenté par les Premières Nations et utilisé comme plateforme de commerce et de partage des connaissances. Les Métis et les premiers colons réalisent rapidement l'importance de cette région pour le commerce des fourrures. Le gouvernement du Dominion et les compagnies ferroviaires en feront de même, par la suite, en encourageant de nouveaux immigrants à venir s'installer au cœur des plaines manitobaines.

The year 2020 will be Manitoba's sesquicentennial (150th anniversary), and it will also mark 27 years since the inaugural CUFC was hosted in Winnipeg, in 1993. The city has changed tremendously since then. Today, Winnipeg is a vibrant and diverse city. Downtown Winnipeg, where we anticipate holding the Canadian Urban Forestry Conference in 2020, remains an important meeting place.

Manitoba's Urban and Community Forestry Programs

Beginning with the region's early settlers, urban forestry in Winnipeg and on the Prairies had its basis in necessity. The Prairies experience harsh climatic conditions that are marked by extremes of temperature. Trees create human habitat, and early inhabitants soon realized that they needed to plant trees in order to give them shelter from the intense sun in summer and the bitter winter winds. The moisture regime on the prairies is also highly variable, and trees helped to trap much needed moisture to facilitate gardening and food production on prairie homesteads.

Early on, the government and Canadian railways saw the value of trees for the prairie landscape. This need spawned programs, such as the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration program that encouraged the planting of shelterbelts, and the Tree Planting Car program run by the Canadian Forestry Association with Canada's railway companies.

There is also a long history of developing hardy cultivars on the Prairies. Cultivars developed at the Morden Research Station, located near Morden, Manitoba, are still used in the horticultural industry today. Currently, the Prairie T.R.U.S.T. program is working to test new varieties for the Prairie Provinces to help diversify urban and community forests on the Prairies.

While communities look now to diversify their forests by planting new species and cultivars, managing Dutch elm disease remains a significant focus of urban forest management. Dutch elm disease continues to be managed in Winnipeg and 38 other municipalities in the province in co-operation with the Manitoba government in order to preserve elm trees. While Dutch elm disease management has served as the basis for urban and community forest management in the province, this work continues to expand to meet the challenges of the ever-present threat posed by new invasive species, such as cottony ash psyllid, Asian long-horned beetle, and emerald ash borer, the latter of which was recently discovered in Winnipeg.

Issues like invasive species certainly challenge the City of Winnipeg's urban forestry branch. Under the leadership of Dave Domke, Manager of Parks and Open Space Division, and Martha Barwinsky, City Forester, the City continues to lead the way in urban forestry by actively managing the largest and most successful DED management program in North America, proactively preparing for the significant impacts EAB and cottony ash psyllid will have on the City's canopy, diversifying the City's public canopy in limiting prairie conditions, and fostering partnerships in urban forest management within the City's administration and with elected officials, and with other levels of government, related industries, post-secondary educational and research institutions, primary and secondary schools, ENGO's and residents' groups.

The City of Winnipeg's urban forest programs are supported by Trees Winnipeg (formerly Coalition to Save the Elms), a non-profit community urban forest organization that was founded in 1992 in response to the threat Dutch elm disease posed to Winnipeg's famed elms. Since then, the organization has broadened their scope and works closely with the City of Winnipeg to educate the public on tree care and a variety of urban forestry related issues. In 2016, Trees Winnipeg successfully implemented the Winnipeg ReLeaf Program, with the support of TD Green Streets Program and the City of Winnipeg, to encourage private property owners to plant trees on their own properties. Since its implementation, public participation has been consistently strong with approximately 450 trees planted on private properties per year.

Community forestry management programs are gaining momentum in other parts of the province too. However, smaller centres do have challenges. While some have hired arborists to oversee their urban canopy management, most do not have dedicated urban foresters; rather, they have someone who must add urban forest management to a long list of duties that includes infrastructure maintenance and general operations. This makes collaboration and the exchange of knowledge with other communities crucial. To facilitate this exchange and information sharing, the municipalities, industry, and the provincial government are working together to develop a Manitoba Urban Forest Council.

The Manitoba government recognizes the importance of maintaining healthy urban forest canopies, and the Urban Forestry, Health, and Field Services section of the Forestry and Peatlands Branch seeks to support the development of urban forestry programs in the province and assists communities with invasive species preparedness and management. Manitoba has legislation, *The Forest Health Protection Act*, where invasive pests and diseases are regulated. The tree care industry is also regulated under this legislation by mandating approved training for arborists to improve the level of care in the province.

Manitoba's educational institutions also support community forestry through their research and programs. As an example, the City of Winnipeg and the province have been collaborating with The University of Winnipeg on research related to Dutch elm disease in the hopes of improving the management of this devastating disease.

Shared Experiences

In Manitoba, we are at the mercy of Mother Nature, with periodic severe high water events, along with periodic droughts. The extremes of weather challenge us and force us to become resourceful. While some of the challenges we face here have their roots in the climatic conditions of the Prairies, these issues are not unique to us. Urban areas can already be hostile environments for trees at times, but the effects of climate change will further stress our trees and forests. Changing climate patterns weaken trees and can make outbreaks of native pests more damaging. Communities need to consider these challenges and find ways to deal with them.

To add to these challenges, many governments are dealing with infrastructure issues and reduced spending, making limited resources even more scarce. It will be necessary to work together, pool resources, and share information to continue enhancing Canada's urban and community forests. It is important for municipalities, different levels of government, universities, colleges, and research institutions, and non-profit groups to work together to bring about the best possible outcomes.

A Lasting Legacy

The organizing committee would be pleased to share 50% of the profits of this event with Tree Canada, and would contribute 50% of its share of the profits towards the Winnipeg ReLeaf Program administered by Trees Winnipeg. The Winnipeg ReLeaf Program provides Winnipeg homeowners with quality, affordable trees. For a minimal fee, participants receive the tree collection of their choice, along with all the supplies needed to give the trees a healthy start. A workshop is given on how to plant and care for the trees, and the trees are later assessed in follow-up visits to determine the success of the tree planting.

The Winnipeg Releaf Program is a collaborative project between Trees Winnipeg and the City of Winnipeg: http://treeswinnipeg.org/releaf-tree-planting-program/.

Conference Outline and Potential Topics and Speakers

The proposed dates for the conference are September 29-October 1, 2020 (September 28 would be reserved for pre-conference workshops). The first day would be a large group session, which would be followed by field tours on September 30. The last day, October 1, would be comprised of concurrent workshops. A tradeshow would also be a part of the event.

Presentations and discussions on creating effective partnerships and exploring some of the current work ongoing in this area would be explored as part of the conference agenda, particularly through the proposed field tours that are described on pages 37-43. Furthermore, exciting work and research being done more broadly will be highlighted during the conference to present a diverse range of topics that will appeal to a wide spectrum of delegates.

Preliminary ideas of keynote speakers or subjects for the conference include:

- **Chad T. Giblin, University of Minnesota Department of Forest Resources**
  Research Fellow, Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota
  https://www.forestry.umn.edu/people/chad-p-giblin
- **Suzanne Simard, Professor at University of British Columbia**
  Studies the synergies and complexities of forests and the development of sustainable forest stewardship practices. Known for her work on belowground fungal networks that connect trees and facilitate interplant communication.
  http://profiles.forestry.ubc.ca/person/suzanne-simard/
- **Jacklyn Diduck, graduate of the National Resources Institute, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, University of Manitoba; Masters of Natural Resources Management**
  Wrote her thesis in 2013 on: Understanding Local Values Related to the Urban Forest: Connecting Winnipeg Residents to their Trees
  https://umanitoba.ca/institutes/natural_resources/Left-Hand%20Column/theses/Masters%20Thesis%20Diduck%202013.pdf
- **Deborah McCullough, Professor Forest Entomology and expert research on emerald ash borer, Michigan State University**
  http://www.canr.msu.edu/people/deborah_mccullough
- **Kathleen Wolf, Professor, Researcher and Social Scientist**
  http://www.naturewithin.info/
- **Prairie Climate Centre: Urban Forests Under Threat from Climate Change**
  http://prairieclimatecentre.ca/2018/01/urban-forests-under-threat-from-climate-change/
- *An emerging topic in urban and community forestry is food security. A speaker in the area of food forests/permaculture could be a part of this conference.*

A Central Location to Meet

The proposed venue for CUFC 2020 is the Fairmont Hotel Winnipeg, which is a 10-minute walk from The Forks. The Forks market and surrounding green space are valuable assets to this city. Trails radiating from The Forks take people on a journey along Winnipeg's important riparian forests and allow visitors to connect with nature. Cultural attractions, including the Canadian Human Rights Museum, along with a vibrant market with unique shopping and dining opportunities, make this a premier destination.

As part of this proposal, venue proposals have been included from four major downtown properties, including the Fairmont Winnipeg, Delta Hotels by Marriott Winnipeg, The Fort Garry Hotel, Spa & Conference Centre, and the Radisson Winnipeg by CanadInns. These proposals have been included on pages 23-32.

Winnipeg's central location makes it convenient for conference delegates, as flying into Winnipeg means shorter, more affordable flights, which will encourage attendees from both eastern and western Canada to attend, as well as attendees from the Midwestern United States. There are 372 daily departures from Winnipeg James Richardson Armstrong International Airport, which is only a 15-minute drive to downtown and has been recently cited as the world's most stylish airport.

In addition, Winnipeg has a strong urban transit system (Winnipeg Transit), multiple taxi companies (Unicity, Duffy's), ridesharing (TappCar, Cowboy Taxi), as well as a myriad of different bus, limousine and other specialty transportation companies.

Local Support

To ensure the success of the event, the Government of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, Tourism Winnipeg, and the organizing committee are prepared to offer our full support.

On behalf of the Winnipeg working group committee, Kyla Maslaniec and Sima Feuer, Acting Urban Foresters, Forestry & Peatlands Branch, Province of Manitoba, have agreed to act as co-chairs of the Organizing Committee together with Tree Canada, with the support of the City of Winnipeg with Dave Domke, Manager of Parks and Open Space Division, Martha Barwinsky, City Forester, and Ken Nawolsky, Superintendent of Insect Control.

The organising committee is comprised of representatives from the following organizations:

- Province of Manitoba, Forestry & Peatlands Branch, Director of Forestry, Brad Epp
- City of Morden, ISA Certified Arborist, Shawn Dias
- City of Brandon, Paul Ziesmann
- ISA, Matt Vinet
- Tree Canada, Prairies Representative, Paul Ziesmann
- Trees Winnipeg
- Manitoba Forestry Association, Executive Director, Patricia Pohrebniuk
- University of Manitoba, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Director, Michele Rogalsky
- The University of Winnipeg, Dept. of Biology, Chair of Env. Studies & Sciences, Dr. Richard Westwood
- Assiniboine Park Conservancy, Kaaren Pearce, Director of Horticulture
- FortWhyte Alive, Group Services & Events Manager, Dana Forster

Please see the attached Letters of Support, which were also contained within the Letter of Interest PDF package submitted to Tree Canada on May 30, 2018 , included here starting on page 48.

Timeline & Budget

The organizing committee is prepared to commit to the APPENDIX II: Example Timetable included in *The Canadian Urban Forest Conference: Organizational Manual* (pages 20-23).

A tailored version of this timeline can be found on page 35.

A draft budget can be found on page 34.

In Closing

Exciting opportunities for collaboration on urban forestry program development and research exist in Canada and around the world. Finding innovative solutions to some of the challenges faced by urban forestry practitioners will be an important facet of urban forest and community management. It only makes sense then that the theme of the conference held at this special location on The Forks of the Red and Assiniboine rivers, where there is such a rich history in gathering and exchanging information, would centre on collaboration and creating meaningful partnerships.

Please accept this proposal to hold the Canadian Urban Forestry Conference 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. On behalf of the Government of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, and the organising committee, we thank you for your time and consideration.



Winnipeg Skyline: Dan Harper



Winnipeg is located in the centre of North America

This is great news for delegates arriving from almost anywhere on the continent, as the majority of flight times are never more than a couple of hours.

Population
749,500
(City of Winnipeg 2017)

Over
100 languages
spoken in Winnipeg

Average temperatures range between
-12°C in winter / **26°C** in summer

2,372
hours of sunlight annually

51 cm
of precipitation each year



Courtesy True North Square



Inuit Art Centre: Winnipeg Art Gallery



Diversity Gardens: Courtesy Assiniboine Park

Did you know?

"Chicago of the North" was the moniker given to Winnipeg in the late 19th to early 20th century due to our booming economy and Chicago School-style of architecture represented by the terracotta skyscrapers which still stand today.

New Developments

True North Square

Right in the middle of downtown, completing our SHED (Sports, Hospitality and Entertainment District) will be True North Square. Currently under construction beside Bell MTS Place (one of the busiest arenas in North America), this mixed-use development will feature four towers and amenities including a beautiful public plaza, shops, restaurant, boutique market and Sutton Place Hotel—a 27-storey, 275-room five-star property opening soon.

Diversity Gardens at Assiniboine Park

Set to open in late 2020, Canada's Diversity Gardens is a $75-million indoor/outdoor horticultural attraction that replicates biomes from across the globe. It will tell the story of people's relationship with plants while also showcasing Canada's multiculturalism. The Leaf, the Garden's centrepiece, will feature four distinct climates and environments spread across 6,000 square metres, offering stunning meeting and event spaces.

Inuit Art Centre at the Winnipeg Art Gallery

Currently under construction, Winnipeg Art Gallery's four-storey, $65-million Inuit Art Centre will display the world's largest contemporary collection of Inuit Art in one spectacular setting indicative of Canada's North. The Centre will also feature numerous one-of-a-kind event spaces opening in the fall of 2020.

5 Top Reasons to Meet in Winnipeg

Why the Centre of the Continent should be the Centre of Your Attention

Convention Centre

As Canada's fourth largest convention centre, the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg, features numerous rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows – including the **City View Room** – and **131,000 square feet of unobstructed exhibit space**. After undergoing $180 million in renovations, the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg is 264,000 square feet and features state-of-the-art meeting technology.

Central Location

Being situated in the centre of North America means **short flight times for delegates from either coast** and from most Canadian and U.S. cities.

15-Minute Drive

Airport to downtown is only a **10-15 minute drive**.

Hotels

Winnipeg boasts more than **7,600 hotel rooms** with many of the 2,300 downtown rooms connected by skywalks and indoor temperature controlled areas to the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg.

World Class Attractions

Winnipeg's awe-inspiring attractions include the architecturally iconic **Canadian Museum for Human Rights**, the **Journey to Churchill at Assiniboine Park** – which is the world's most-comprehensive Arctic species exhibits, the **Inuit Art Centre** (opening in 2020) – home to the largest contemporary Inuit art collection on the globe, and **The Forks,** where you can feel the pulse of the city.



Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra: JJ Gill

> *At the Canadian Conference on Medical Education, Winnipeg graciously opened its arms in greeting our 1357 delegates with friendly staff, rich culture, and an amazing culinary scene. The passion Winnipeggers have for their city is refreshing, and exciting!*
>
> ***Mia Huysmans, Conference Assistant, Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada, 2017 Canadian Conference on Medical Education***

Winnipeg is a vibrant city offering a diverse range of activities that delegates and companions alike will relish.

There are captivating world-class attractions, an innovative and robust arts and entertainment scene, historic sites and exhibits, an internationally acclaimed culinary scene, luxurious spas and fabulous shopping. Discover the city through interpretive walking, restaurant, brewery, and cycling tours, or on a river boat excursion that highlights the city's unique neighbourhoods and its storied – and often audacious – history.



Clementine: Alex Johnson



Rudy's Eat & Drink: Tyler Walsh



The Roost: Mike Peters



Forth: Mike Peters

Wine, Dine and Unwind

The Toronto Star remarks that Winnipeg's "brag-worthy food scene mixes hipster, local, Aboriginal, Jewish and French with assorted multicultural eats," - a pretty accurate description for a city with more than 1,100 restaurants, and where over 100 languages are spoken. It should come as no surprise that a world of flavours is represented in Winnipeg's culinary scene.

That being said, in the last five years the city has come into its own as a celebrated culinary destination with numerous chef-owned restaurants, third wave coffee shops, craft cocktail bars and breweries, bakeries and pop-up events.

We guarantee you'll have an amazing meal in some of our nationally acclaimed restaurants, including **Segovia Tapas Bar**, **Enoteca**, **deer + almond**, **Pizzeria Gusto** and **Máquè**, while neighbourhood gems like **The Grove**, **Capital Grill**, **The Oxbow**, **Feast Café**, and **Harth Mozza and Wine Bar** are ready to welcome delegates.

Whether you are hosting a sponsor reception, offsite meeting or private party, great group dining can be found in and around downtown at restaurants including **The Merchant Kitchen**, **SMITH**, **Rudy's Eat and Drink and Promenade Café and Wine**, while quainter, cocktail and wine bars include **Close Co.**, **The Roost**, **The Cordova**, and **Langside Grocery**.

Winnipeg also has a fleet of nearly 50 food trucks, which are regularly located along Broadway Avenue (just one block south of the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg).

If delegates have a free evening, Winnipeg has countless classy lounges and pleasurable pubs whose menus are anchored with craft cocktails, local beers, and meticulously curated wine lists. A few highlights include **The Palm Room at the Fort Garry Hotel, Spa & Conference Centre** – a room awash with old world grandeur, featuring a piano bar that frequently hosts live jazz; **Forth** – a café that features the city's most aesthetically pleasing rooftop bar, where one can sip on handcrafted cocktails while overlooking the Exchange District; the **King's Head Pub** – a classic and lively British style pub that always packs in the crowds; and **The Common** – the Forks Markets' wine and beer kiosk featuring selections from Véronique Rivest, one of the world's best sommeliers.



CF Polo Park: William Au



Courtesy Royal Winnipeg Ballet



Fort Gibraltar: Dan Harper



Courtesy Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club

Retail Therapy

Find more than 100 fashion brands all under one roof at **Outlet Collection Winnipeg**, browse the big-box stores of Kenaston or experience **CF Polo Park**, central Canada's largest shopping mall. Hit the streets of **Osborne Village**, **Corydon Avenue** and **Academy Road**, all of which flaunt an assortment of trendy fashion boutiques and shops. Flock to the **Exchange District** for more fashions, giftware and one-of-a-kind galleries, or discover global goods and made-in-Manitoba souvenirs at the bustling **Forks Market**.

All the City is a Stage

Winnipeg is home to two royal-designated, national performance groups – **Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet**, and the **Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre**, which hosts nightly productions throughout fall, winter and spring. Our internationally acclaimed **Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra** performs over 100 shows per year, including playing host to the ground breaking **New Music Festival** (January-Febuary), which has included luminaries like Philip Glass and members of Arcade Fire.

French Connection

Experience the "joie de vivre" of St. Boniface, western Canada's largest Francophone community. This charming neighbourhood, located across the Red River from downtown, features boulevard Provencher – which is awash with shops and dining spots, the impressive St. Boniface Basilica, and plenty of heritage by way of Fort Gibraltar and the St. Boniface Museum. Our bilingual community has the ability to service your meeting needs.

Let Us Entertain You

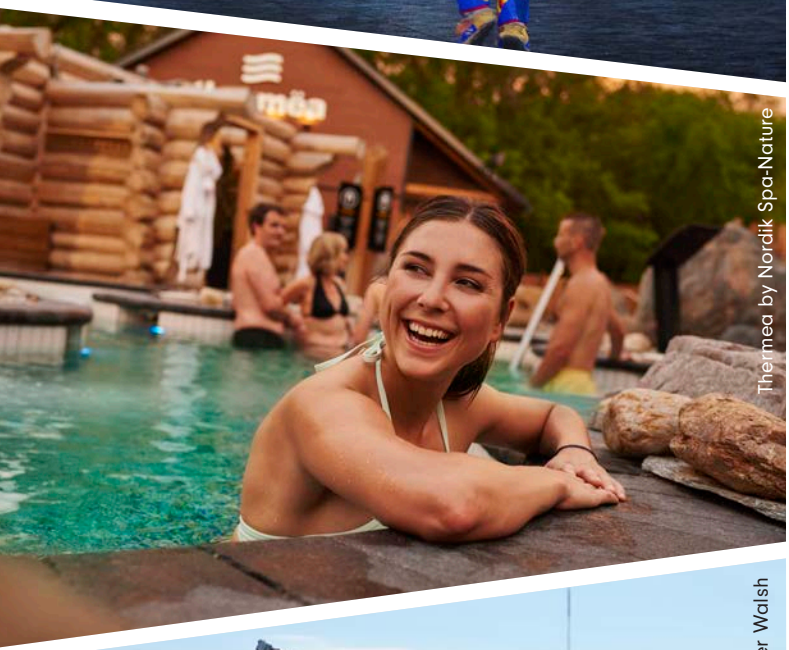
Winnipeg lights up with live music and concerts, bustling patios, whisky bars and hopping nightclubs. For sports fans, cheer on the **NHL's Winnipeg Jets**, the **AHL's Manitoba Moose** (who have great group seating available), the **CFL's Winnipeg Blue Bombers** and the **AA Winnipeg Goldeyes** baseball team (also with group seating rates available). Try your luck at one of Winnipeg's premier casinos, **Club Regent** and **McPhillips Station**, or head to **Assiniboia Downs** and watch live horse racing.



Hermetic Code Tour: William Au



Manito Ahbee: Ginger Johnson



Thermea by Nordik Spa-Nature



Tyler Walsh

Major Attractions

Discover Winnipeg's captivating histories through numerous museums, galleries and city tours. Enjoy intrigue and mystery on a **Hermetic Code Tour of the Manitoba Legislative Building**, discover the French culture of **St. Boniface**, board a fur trading ship at the **Manitoba Museum**, be inspired at the **Canadian Museum for Human Rights** or admire the Inuit art at the **Winnipeg Art Gallery**.

Festivals and Events

Winnipeg's dynamic festivals highlight live music, visual arts, global cuisine and more. Admire **Festival du Voyageur's** giant snow sculptures and hundreds of musical acts; savour **Folklorama's** multicultural eats and performances; take in **Manito Ahbee** for indigenous culture and one of North America's largest pow-wows; explore contemporary art during **Nuit Blanche**; join street parties at **ManyFest** and the **Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival**; and attend internationally acclaimed jazz, folk and blues music festivals for year round entertainment.

Engage and Unwind

Walking and cycling paths, urban parks with sculpture gardens, art pavilions, musical theatre and waterways provide engaging summer activities, while in the winter, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating and outdoor yoga can keep you warm.

Get steamy at **Ten Spa** with a luxurious hamam treatment (a Turkish bath with a contemporary twist), indulge your senses at **Thermëa By Nordik Spa-Nature** with its outdoor thermal pools, Finnish saunas and fine dining or reduce stress at **Riverstone Spa** during an Indigenous hot stone massage.

Golf

Hit the links at one of the city's 27 city golf courses or at another 11 within one-hour's drive. Levels range from 18-hole championship quality greens to casual nine-hole courses. **The Golf Dome's** indoor driving range and virtual golf lets you hit the links year-round.



Courtesy Winnipeg Airports Authority

Did you know?

In 2011, the Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport opened Canada's first LEED-certified terminal, and it was named one of the world's iconic airports by Travel Channel.

Transportation

The Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport, recently named one of the 10 most stylish terminals in the world, is ready to welcome delegates from near and far with 80 flights per day arriving into the city. Major airlines servicing Winnipeg include Air Canada, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and WestJet along with many other regional airlines. The airport is open 24/7 and it is a 15-minute drive to downtown.

Getting Around

Getting around the city is a breeze. Choose from taxis, limousines, ride-hailing apps, buses or car rentals. Some hotels also offer their own complimentary shuttle service for guests.

Taxis There are more than 500 licensed, smoke-free taxis that service Winnipeg. Taxi rates are regulated with a $3.75 or $5.00 from the airport flag drop and an average of $1.60 for each additional kilometre. A typical fare from the airport to downtown is approximately $25.

Limousines There are several limousine service companies with town cars, SUVs and stretch limos available at flat rates. The average fare from the airport to downtown ranges from $35 to $40.

Car Rentals Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport has car rental counters located in the main level of the 4-level Parkade. Companies on site include Alamo, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, National and Payless.

City Bus Winnipeg Transit provides public transportation throughout the city. Transit fare is $2.95 (cash) or $2.60 (pre-purchased ticket). In addition, the Downtown Spirit, a complimentary shuttle bus around downtown Winnipeg, is available daily.

Charter Buses There are several companies that offer limo buses and full-size motor coaches for charter.

Ride Share There are a range of ride share services, including TappCar, Cowboy Taxi and Instaryde, all of which have apps available to download before you arrive.

Winnipeg Flight Chart

Destination/Carrier	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Total/Week	
	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep	Arr.
Vancouver, BC																
Flights/Day	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	6	6	6	44	44
Seats/day	1022	982	854	894	854	854	833	854	982	1003	854	933	893	894	6292	6414
Calgary, AB																
Flights/Day	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	11	11	76	76
Seats/day	1474	1377	1297	1297	1337	1377	1257	1297	1337	1337	1148	1188	1398	1339	9248	9212
Edmonton, AB																
Flights/Day	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	5	5	6	6	45	45
Seats/day	814	896	747	707	896	875	875	915	835	896	669	669	818	818	5654	5776
Regina, SK																
Flights/Day	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	20	20
Seats/day	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	128	128	178	178	1196	1196
Saskatoon, SK																
Flights/Day	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	24	24
Seats/day	256	256	256	256	256	256	256	256	256	256	128	128	128	128	1536	1536
Thunder Bay, ON																
Flights/Day	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	20	21
Seats/day	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	206	156	206	1392	1442
Ottawa, ON																
Flights/Day	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	20	21
Seats/day	265	265	326	286	286	286	250	286	286	286	326	286	286	286	2025	1981
Toronto, ON																
Flights/Day	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	15	15	15	15	110	110
Seats/day	2271	2271	2332	2292	2250	2250	2452	2351	2271	2384	2039	2039	2137	2198	15752	15785
Halifax, NS																
Flights/Day	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	4	4
Seats/day	0	0	174	174	0	0	174	174	0	0	134	134	113	113	595	595
Hamilton, ON																
Flights/Day	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	12	12
Seats/day	298	298	149	149	298	298	298	298	298	298	149	149	298	298	1788	1788
Kelowna, BC																
Flights/Day	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	4
Seats/day	174	174	0	0	174	174	0	0	174	174	174	174	0	0	696	696
London, ON																
Flights/Day	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7
Seats/day	134	134	134	134	134	134	174	174	134	134	134	134	134	134	978	978
Montreal, QC																
Flights/Day	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	28
Seats/day	502	481	502	542	542	542	502	542	542	502	542	481	542	542	3674	3632
Chicago, IL																
Flights/Day	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21	21
Seats/day	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	1050	1050
Denver, CO																
Flights/Day	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14	14
Seats/day	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	700	700
Minneapolis, MN																
Flights/Day	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	27	27
Seats/day	416	416	416	416	416	416	416	416	416	416	284	284	416	416	2780	2780

For actual flights from and to Winnipeg, please refer to the Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport website at: www.waa.ca or airline's websites.

Total Flights/Day	**477**	**479**
Total Seats/Day	**55618**	**55823**

Meeting Space and Hotel Proposal Summary

Primary Dates: 09/28/20 - 10/01/20

Proposals	Total Room Nights	Peak Room Nights	Guest Room Rate	Availability	Meeting Space Total
Delta Hotels By Marriott Winnipeg	470	175	$175.00 - $175.00	Rooms and Meeting Space	$0.00
Fairmont Winnipeg	455	170	$199.00 - $199.00	Rooms and Meeting Space	$0.00
The Fort Garry Hotel, Spa and Conference Centre	470	175	$159.00 - $199.00	Rooms and Meeting Space	$12,000.00
Total:	**1395**	**520**			

Not Available	Comments
Radisson Winnipeg by Canad Inns	Unfortunately our meeting space will not accommodate the requirements.

Alternate Dates: 10/05/20 - 10/08/20

Proposals	Total Room Nights	Peak Room Nights	Guest Room Rate	Availability	Meeting Space Total
Delta Hotels By Marriott Winnipeg	470	175	$175.00 - $175.00	Rooms and Meeting Space	$0.00
Fairmont Winnipeg	455	170	$199.00 - $199.00	Rooms and Meeting Space	$0.00
Total:	**925**	**345**			

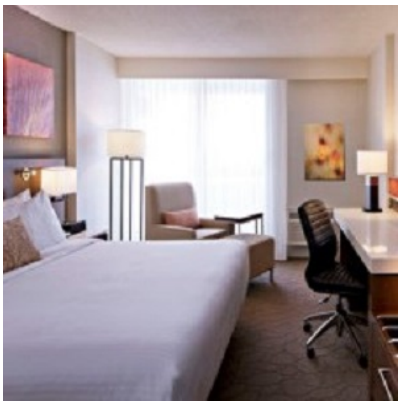
Not Available	Comments
Radisson Winnipeg by Canad Inns	Unfortunately our meeting space will not accommodate the requirements.
The Fort Garry Hotel, Spa and Conference Centre	Thank you for the opportunity to bid on these dates. Unfortunately, we do not have availability on these dates.

***Please note the Meeting Space Totals reflect a reduction based on Food & Beverage minimums.**

Delta Hotels By Marriott Winnipeg
350 St. Mary Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J2



Delta Hotels by Marriott Winnipeg is the ideal convention hotel - a 4 star property highlighted by a central location, connected via indoor skywalk just steps from RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg, and a short walk from Bell MTS Place and all of downtown Winnipeg.



Delta Hotels by Marriott Winnipeg is Manitoba's largest hotel with 393 modern guest rooms and suites with 2 concierge levels, all featuring the Delta Smart Desk, heated bathroom floors, balconies and complimentary W-Fi. There are 2 onsite restaurants, Elephant and Castle pub and Blaze Bistro, and the quick-service Urban Bean coffee shop. 24-hour in-room dining is available. The Odyssey Health Club features indoor and outdoor pools, whirlpool, and 24-hour access to fitness area.

17 meeting spaces at a combined size of 18,631 square feet, can be arranged to accommodate groups of up to 1,000 people.

Tree Canada Foundation - 2020 Canadian Urban Forest Conference - 09/28/2020 - 10/01/2020

Room Block Offer:

Rooms	Monday September 28	Tuesday September 29	Wednesday September 30	Thursday October 1	Total Rooms
Single	50	100	100	10	260
Double	50	75	75	10	210
Suite					0
Total Offered	100	175	175	20	470
Total Requested	100	175	175	20	470

Tree Canada Foundation - 2020 Canadian Urban Forest Conference - 10/05/2020 - 10/08/2020

Room Block Offer:

Rooms	Monday October 5	Tuesday October 6	Wednesday October 7	Thursday October 8	Total Rooms
Single	50	100	100	10	260
Double	50	75	75	10	210
Suite					0
Total Offered	100	175	175	20	470
Total Requested	100	175	175	20	470

Rate Range: $175.00 - $175.00

8% PST, 5% GST, 5% Accommodation Tax (gst applicable)

Concessions Offered:

- 10 Complimentary Upgrades to Deluxe
- 5 Complimentary Upgrades to Club
- Complimentary meeting space with$40,000.00 F&B minimum
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in guestrooms & meeting space

We are excited about the opportunity to host your 2020 Conference delegates! Our staff looks forward to introducing you to a brand of hospitality, upon which we have built our reputation for excellence. You and your guests will feel confident in knowing that the staff at Delta Hotels Winnipeg is committed to providing a flawless event for you. This commitment extends from our Guest Service Associates, who first greets your guests, to our General Manager, Jeff Kennedy. We are proud to be known as an 18-floor community pillar, serving the downtown and city in our various community outreach strategies. We are the only Downtown Hotel to feature not only an indoor pool, but also a unique outdoor rooftop pool and lounge area! Delta Hotels Winnipeg is conveniently connected to the RBC Convention Centre, cityplace, BellMTS Place, Portage Place and office towers via heated skywalk. We offer quick and easy access the Forks Market and several entertainment and dining options.

Submission Date:
07/10/2018

TREE CANADA FOUNDATION 2020 CANADIAN URBAN FOREST CONFERENCE
Meeting Space Requirements

Hotel Name: Delta Hotel by Marriott Winnipeg

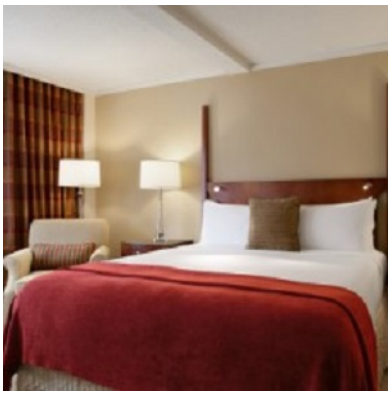
Date	Time	Meeting	Set- Up	People	Room	Regular Room Rentals
Sept 28	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Tree Academy (pre-conference)	Rounds (either 200 people in 1 room or 100 people in each of two rooms)	200	Assiniboia	$2,000.00
	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Board meeting	Boardroom	12	Transcona	$400.00
Sept 29	8:30AM – 4:30PM	Plenary	theatre	350	Delta BC	$2500.00
	10:00AM – 3:00PM	Trade show	Separate room – 16 booths (8x10)	275 - 300	Delta A	$1250.00
Sept 30	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Plenary	theatre	275 - 300	Delta BC	$2500.00
	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Session 1	Rounds	75–100	Assiniboia A	$1,000.00
	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Session 2	Rounds	75–100	Assiniboia B	$1,000.00
	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Session 3	Rounds	75–100	Kildonan	$600.00
	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Session 4	Rounds	75–100	Fort Garry	$600.00
	10:00AM – 3:00PM	Trade show	Separate room – 16 booths (8x10)	275 - 300	Delta A	$1250.00
Oct 1	8:00AM – 3:00 PM	Plenary	theatre	275 - 300	Delta BC	$2500.00
	8:00AM – 3:00 PM	Session 1	Rounds	75–100	Assiniboia A	$1,000.00
	8:00AM – 3:00 PM	Session 2	Rounds	75–100	Assiniboia B	$1,000.00
	8:00AM – 3:00 PM	Session 3	Rounds	75–100	Kildonan	$600.00
	8:00AM – 3:00 PM	Session 4	Rounds	75–100	Fort Garry	$600.00
Total Meeting Rental Costs						$18,800.00

- Buffet lunch for each day
- AM and PM coffee breaks in tradeshow space

****All Meeting Space offered Complimentary with $40,000.00 Food & Beverage Minimum****

Fairmont Winnipeg
Two Lombard Place
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0Y3





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The Fairmont Winnipeg offers the heights of sophistication and luxury while bridging the historic Exchange District, downtown Winnipeg and The Forks National Historic Site. The hotel is connected to most of downtown via indoor walkways.

The 340 guest rooms include 2 floors of Fairmont Gold rooms and suites. Complimentary Wi-Fi for Fairmont President's Club members, spacious work desks, fluffy robes, comfortable duvets and feather pillows are available in rooms, indoor rooftop fitness centre, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, and sauna, along with 24-hour in-room dining. VG Restaurant provides a fine dining experience along with a handsome lounge for cocktails.

13 meeting rooms provide 12,500 square feet of meeting space on one floor supported by a 3,000 square foot conference foyer. The largest ballroom can accommodate receptions of up to 1,000 people.

Tree Canada Foundation - 2020 Canadian Urban Forest Conference - 09/28/2020 - 10/01/2020

Room Block Offer:

Rooms	Monday September 28	Tuesday September 29	Wednesday September 30	Thursday October 1	Total Rooms
Single	50	116	116	9	291
Double	50	54	54	6	164
Suite					0
Total Offered	100	170	170	15	455
Total Requested	100	175	175	20	470

Tree Canada Foundation - 2020 Canadian Urban Forest Conference - 10/05/2020 - 10/08/2020

Room Block Offer:

Rooms	Monday October 5	Tuesday October 6	Wednesday October 7	Thursday October 8	Total Rooms
Single	50	116	116	9	291
Double	50	54	54	6	164
Suite					0
Total Offered	100	170	170	15	455
Total Requested	100	175	175	20	470

Rate Range: $199.00 - $199.00

Concessions Offered:
We are pleased to offer the following: 5 complimentary upgrades to a Fairmont Gold guestroom. Sliding scale of meeting space cost in relation to food & beverage minimum. Complimentary meeting space based on a $52,000 minimum F&B spend.

For over 48 years, The Fairmont Winnipeg has been Winnipeg's premiere hotel, with superb facilities and we pride ourselves on our world-class service. Located in the heart of the entertainment district and Downtown, the Fairmont Winnipeg is in the centre of it all. Connected via skywalk and concourse to virtually all of downtown Winnipeg. Within walking distance, guests will be in the centre of the Exchange District, in the midst of our year-round lively theatre district, lounges, bars and restaurants.

Submission Date:
07/13/2018

TREE CANADA FOUNDATION 2020 CANADIAN URBAN FOREST CONFERENCE
Meeting Space Requirements

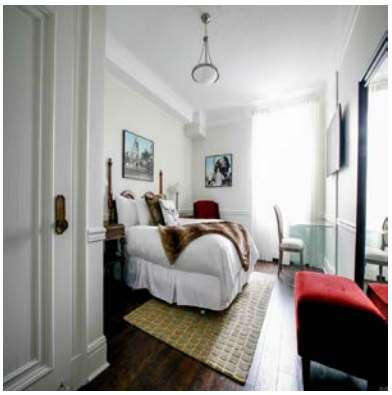
Hotel Name: Fairmont Winnipeg

Date	Time	Meeting	Set- Up	People	Room	Room Rental
Sept 28	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Tree Academy (pre-conference)	Rounds (either 200 people in 1 room or 100 people in each of two rooms)	200	West Ballroom	$500.00
	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Board meeting	Boardroom	12	Cambridge	--
Sept 29	8:30AM – 4:30PM	Plenary	theatre	350	West/Midway Ballroom	$1500.00
	10:00AM – 3:00PM	Trade show	Separate room – 16 booths (8x10)	275 - 300	East Ballroom	--
Sept 30	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Plenary	theatre	275 - 300	West/Midway Ballroom	$1500.00
	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Session 1	Theatre	75–100	Harrow/Essex/ Canterbury	$250.00
	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Session 2	Theatre	75–100	York	$250.00
	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Session 3	Rounds	75–100	Lombard	$500.00
	8:00AM – 5:00 PM	Session 4	Rounds	75–100	Wellington	$500.00
	10:00AM – 3:00PM	Trade show	Separate room – 16 booths (8x10)	275 - 300	East Ballroom	--
Oct 1	8:00AM – 3:00 PM	Plenary	theatre	275 - 300	West/Midway Ballroom	$1000.00
	8:00AM – 3:00 PM	Session 1	Theatre	75–100	Harrow/Essex/ Canterbury	$250.00
	8:00AM – 3:00 PM	Session 2	Theatre	75–100	York	$250.00
	8:00AM – 3:00 PM	Session 3	Rounds	75–100	Lombard	$500.00
	8:00AM – 3:00 PM	Session 4	Rounds	75–100	Wellington	$500.00
Total Meeting Rental Costs						$ 7500.00

- Buffet lunch for each day
- AM and PM coffee breaks in tradeshow space

The Fort Garry Hotel, Spa and Conference Centre
222 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0R3





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The Fort Garry has set the standard for grandeur, elegance, and culinary excellence in an iconic Winnipeg location for over 100 years and is located just steps from Union Station, The Forks National Historic Site and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

All 246 guest rooms and suites feature Tempur-Pedic or feather beds, duvets, fine Italian linens, bathrobes, deluxe amenities, climate controls, and complimentary Wi-Fi. Take in the luxurious Palm Lounge with piano bar and nightly live jazz, Ten - one of Canada's leading spas, and on-site athletic club with running track, indoor pool, sauna and whirlpool.

Over 20 meeting spaces provide more than 54,000 square feet of event space, including 4 stunning ballrooms, the largest of which can accommodate up to 550 guests for a banquet or 1,000 for a reception.

Tree Canada Foundation - 2020 Canadian Urban Forest Conference - 09/28/2020 - 10/01/2020

Room Block Offer:

Rooms	Monday September 28	Tuesday September 29	Wednesday September 30	Thursday October 1	Total Rooms
Single	85	155	155	10	405
Double	15	20	20	10	65
Suite					0
Total Offered	100	175	175	20	470
Total Requested	100	175	175	20	470

Rate Range: $159.00 - $199.00

Meeting room rental is discounted to $12,000 based on a minimum F&B spend of $46,700.00 and can be further reduced if food and beverage increases. Rates are currently subject to 5% city occupancy tax, 5% GST and 8% PST. Group will be required to pick up 80% of the final contracted block to avoid attrition charges. Best available rates will be offered pre and post contracted dates and best available rates will apply after the release date which will be 30 days from the contracted arrival date.

Concessions Offered:

1 complimentary room night for every 50 fully paid guestrooms picked up per night on a non cumulative basis; complimentary WIFI throughout the hotel (if a hardwired or dedicated line is required charges will apply); complimentary fitness passes to full fitness centre

Thank you for the opportunity to bid on this event. The Fort Garry is an historic downtown property close to all

amenities and major attractions. We have recently undergone an extensive renovation of all of our guestrooms. Rates quoted are based on our current conference rates and are subject to an annual increase. If our bid is successful, a rate will be negotiated by September 2019.

Submission Date:
07/13/2018

2020 Canadian Urban Forest Conference

September 28 to October 2, 2020

MEETING SPACE LISTING

Date	Start	End	Function	Room	Setup	Agr
Sept 28	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Plenary Session	Crystal Ballroom	Rounds	200
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Meeting	Salon A	Boardroom	12
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Coffee Break	Crystal Ballroom	Coffee Station	200
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Coffee Break	Salon A	Coffee Station	12
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Luncheon	Salon A	Buffet	12
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Luncheon	Crystal Ballroom	Buffet	200
	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Coffee Break	Crystal Ballroom	Coffee Station	200
	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Coffee Break	Salon A	Coffee Station	12
Sept 29	8:00 AM	7:59 AM	Exhibits	Concert Hall	Exhibits	16
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Plenary Session	Crystal Ballroom	Theatre Style	350
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Coffee Break	Concert Hall	Coffee Station	350
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Luncheon	Crystal Ballroom	Buffet	350
	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Coffee Break	Concert Hall	Coffee Station	350
Sept 39	8:00 AM	7:59 AM	Exhibits	Concert Hall	Exhibits	16
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Plenary Session	Crystal Ballroom	Theatre Style	350
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Breakout	Gateway/Tache	Rounds	90
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Breakout	LaVerendrye	Rounds	90
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Breakout Room	Provencher Ballroom	Round Classroom	90
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Breakout	The Club	Rounds	90
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Coffee Break	Concert Hall	Coffee Station	350
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Luncheon	Crystal Ballroom	Buffet	350
	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Coffee Break	Concert Hall	Coffee Station	350
Oct 1	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Breakout	LaVerendrye	Rounds	90
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Breakout	Gateway/Tache	Rounds	90
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Breakout	The Club	Rounds	90
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Breakout	Provencher Ballroom	Round Classroom	90
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Plenary Session	Crystal Ballroom	Theatre Style	350
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Coffee Break	Crystal Ballroom	Coffee Station	350
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Luncheon	Crystal Ballroom	Buffet	350
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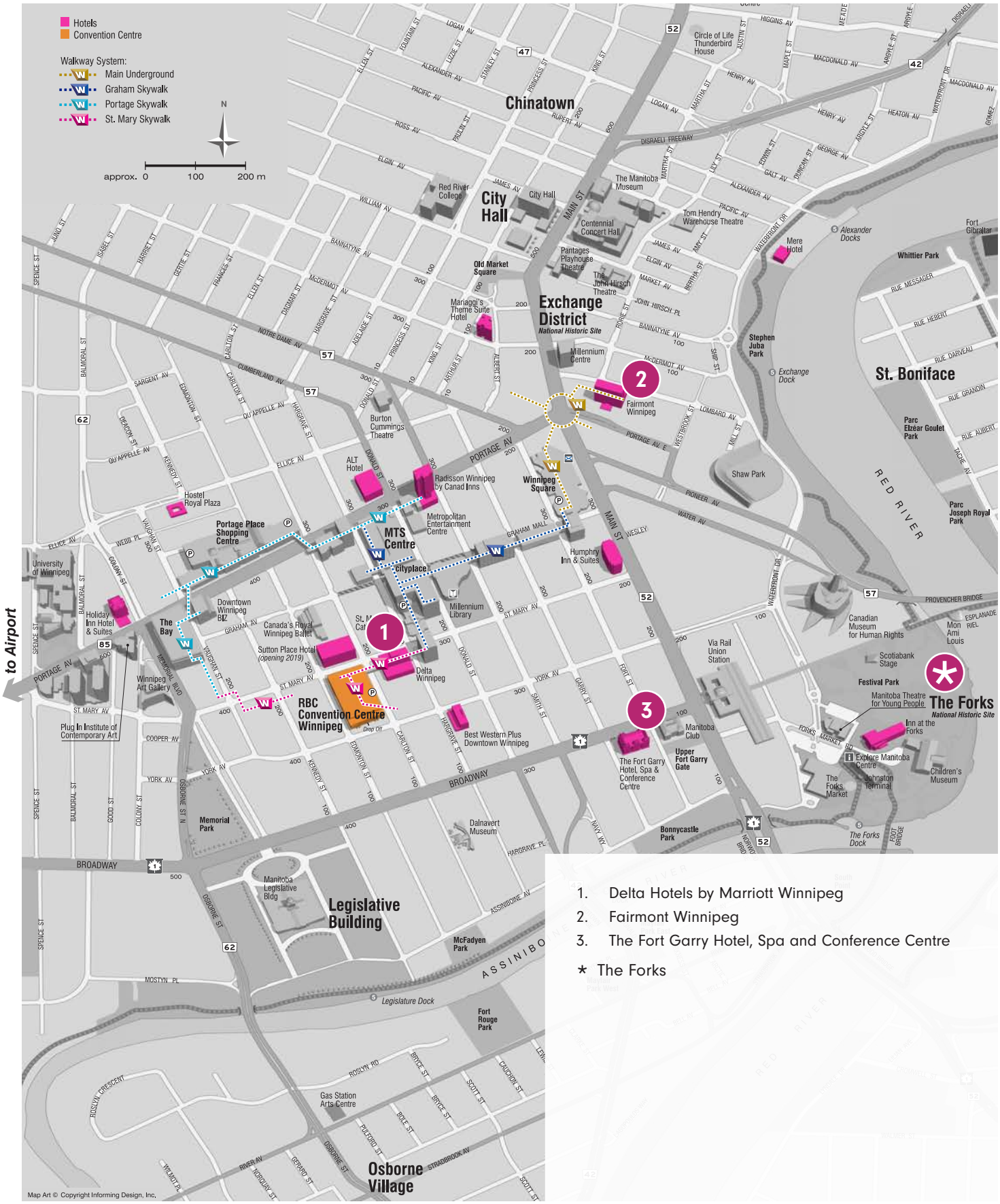
The meeting room rental has been discounted from $28,200 to $12,000 based on a minimum food and beverage spend of $46,700.00. The rental may be adjusted based on your final spend.

Downtown Winnipeg



1. Delta Hotels by Marriott Winnipeg
2. Fairmont Winnipeg
3. The Fort Garry Hotel, Spa and Conference Centre

* The Forks

Proposed Budget Highlights for the Canadian Urban Forestry Conference 2020*

*Subject to change

Expenditures

Logistics	
Room Rental	$0
Audio Visual	$23,000
Entertainment	
Gala Dinner	$30,000
Administration	
Meeting coordinator/planner	$25,000
Registration	$7,000
Meals	
Food & beverage at venue	$60,000
Program	
Speakers	$15,000
Speaker gifts	$1,000
Field tour fees	$10,000
Field tour transportation	$10,000
Marketing	
Website	$15,000
Advertising	$10,000
Program printing	$10,000
Translation costs	$5,000
Total Expenditures	**$221,000**

Income

Registration	
Full ($600) x 275 delegates	$165,000
Student ($300) x 95 delegates	$28,500
Sponsorship	
	40,000
Tradeshow	
	$7,200
Heritage Grant	
	$5,000
Total Income	**$245,700**

Proposed Timeline Highlights for the Canadian Urban Forestry Conference 2020*

*Subject to change

28 months prior to CUFC

» May 2018: Local working group committee established

» May 4, 2018: 1st working group meeting held

» May 30, 2018: Letter of Interest to host CUFC 2020 submitted to Tree Canada

27 months prior to CUFC

» Jun 6, 2018: 2nd working group meeting held

» Jun 20, 2018: RFP Response to host CUFC 2020 submitted to Tree Canada

24 months prior to CUFC

» Sep 30-Oct 1, 2018: Location announced at the International Urban Forestry Congress (IUFC) 2018, joint event with CUFC

TBD prior to CUFC

» Tree Canada site visit to Winnipeg

18 months prior to CUFC (February 2019)

» CUFC Executive Committee members are selected

» Date selected for next CUFC selected

» 1st planning meeting of Executive Committee

» Subsequent CUFC Executive Committee meetings are scheduled

» Theme and Program Decided

» Agreement signed between Tree Canada and the host municipality

12 months prior to CUFC (August 2019)

» Hotel/Facility site(s) determined and booked/rooms, meeting rooms tentatively reserved

» First announcement of CUFC location/date and theme

» Budget prepared

» Sponsorship plans developed around the prepared budget

» Sponsorship is actively sought by host municipality

» Program and Topic Streams are developed for panel sessions

» Call for Proposals is developed and sent out

» Keynote/banquet speakers contacted

» Website up

» Trade Show Booth Registration package developed and distributed

7-8 months prior to CUFC (December 2019 & January 2020)

» Program sessions & other events developed

» Budget finalized and Registration Fees set (on website)

» Registration form developed

» Transportation to offsite events reserved

» Sponsorship recognition media developed

5-6 months prior to CUFC (March & April 2020)

» Media promotion started of program

4 months prior to CUFC (May 2020)

» Finalize menu/meal costs

» Registration package preparation deadlines set

» Facility needs formalized.

3 months prior to CUFC (June 2020)

» Speaker/moderator profiles prepared for Participant Kits

» Audiovisual and other equipment arranged

2 months prior to CUFC (July 2020)

» Media/Photography arrangements determined and booked

60-30 days prior to CUFC (July & August 2020)

» Finalize copy for program handouts and in Participant Kits

30-15 days prior to CUFC (September 2020)

» Program handouts for participant kits printed.

» Final update & arrangements with speakers, moderators etc.

15-7 days prior to CUFC (September 2020)

» Layouts for Meeting rooms/catered functions prepared and submitted to Hotel/Facility & Caterer

» Nametags & receipts prepared for Participant Kits

» Meal guarantees to Caterer

» Final signs printed

7-0 days prior to CUFC (September 2020)

» Participant Kits assembled.

» Final last minute room setup details with Facility

» Final last minute setup details/guarantees with Caterer

» Master event schedule/program finalized

1st day of CUFC (September 28, 2020)

» Registration Desk opened

» Directional signs placed

» Final last minute room setup details with Facility

» Final last minute setup details/guarantees with Caterer

During CUFC (September 28-October 1, 2020)

» Room setup, audiovisual equipment, meal function and coffee break setup etc. all checked prior to each session

» Backup equipment available

» Meal guarantee updates (if not required earlier)

0-30 days after CUFC (October 1-30, 2020)

» Audiovisual and other rented equipment returned if applicable

» Hotel/Catering and Facility invoices received, verified and paid

» All other accounts verified for accuracy, and paid

» Refund cheques prepared and mailed

» Thank-you letters to presenters, sponsors, and hotel, catering and facility staff sent

Within 3 months after CUFC (before end of 2020)

» Written evaluation report prepared for Tree Canada

» The report should include statistics for attendance

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Canadian Urban Forest Conference Bid
Tour Options - October 2020

Study Tour Options:

Assiniboine Park – Canada's Diversity Gardens



Canada's Diversity Gardens is the final major phase of the redevelopment campaign to revitalize and rejuvenate Assiniboine Park.

Plants are essential to life. Throughout history, the availability of plants for food, medicine, and the necessities of life have shaped cultures around the world. They are the one true global common denominator across all cultures and all time, and they unite us all as Manitobans and as Canadians. Using plants as the medium, Canada's Diversity Gardens will tell the cultural story of the relationships that exist between people and plant life.



Throughout the four cornerstones - The Leaf, The Indigenous Peoples' Garden, The Cultural Mosaic Gardens, and The Grove - an exploration of the human connection with plants and nature will showcase our nation's extraordinary multicultural heritage. Visitors will discover the role plants have in shaping the life and identity of their community and their country – past, present and future.

Interpretive themes explored throughout Canada's Diversity Gardens include: food and drink, health and well-being, beauty and expression, spirituality and consciousness, and sustainability and conservation.

Tour Includes:

- Transportation by modern highway motor coach
- Tour guide throughout
- Entrance to Assiniboine Park Canada's Diversity Gardens

Oak Hammock Marsh

(4 hours)



Oak Hammock Marsh has been voted “Canada's Best Outdoor Site” awarded by Attractions Canada.

The facility is a birder's paradise set in a reclaimed 36-square kilometer marsh and tall-grass prairie setting. Oak Hammock Marsh provides home for more than 295 species of birds and thousands of species of mammals, insects, amphibians and reptiles.

You will start in the Interpretive Centre with a 5-minute introductory film, then a 45-minute guided tour of the exhibits and followed by a 45-minute guided tour outside in canoes to see some wildlife. There will also be time to visit the Marsh gift shop to purchase some unique gifts and collectables.

Tour Includes:

- Transportation by modern highway motor coach
- Tour guide throughout
- Entrance to Oak Hammock Marsh
- Introduction film, 45-minute guided tour of the exhibits and 45-minute guided tour outside in the canoes.

Fort Whyte Alive – Canadian Prairie Past

(3 hours)



Come and explore this award-winning nature centre located within the city of Winnipeg showcasing more than 600 acres of prairie, lakes, forest and wetlands.

On this tour, take a step back in time when the bison roamed the prairie and to a time when people’s connection to the natural world was a matter of survival.



Visit the Pioneer Sod House built from the earth, then stop by the bison viewing mound and discover the importance of this mammal to the Plains Cree. Explore the culture of the Métis, the influence they had on the fur trade, and their connection to the buffalo hunt.

Tour Includes:

- Transportation by highway equipped motor coach to Fort Whyte Alive
- Entrance into Fort Whyte Alive
- Guided 2-hour Canadian Prairie Past tour
- Tour escort throughout

Additional Tours at FortWhyte Alive:

- ***Bedrock to Bison and Birding***: Focused on the geological, human, and natural history of southwest Winnipeg, participants discover why Winnipeg is majestically flat, why you won't see fort walls at FortWhyte Alive, and how this urban landscape has transformed from grey to green over the last 60 years,

- ***A Taste Of The Red River Valley***: This 2.5 hour tour consists of a bison safari where an experienced guide gets visitors up close and personal with our herd of 30 plains bison, followed with a short walk wild edible forage walk through our forest, ending with wild plant tea and bannock around a campfire.

- ***Wild Winnipeg Edibles*** **program:** Participants would be guided through identifying, harvesting, and tasting wild food plants from the prairies and forests at FortWhyte Alive.

City of Winnipeg's Urban Forest Program – Ground Zero for Emerald Ash Borer*



Emerald ash borer was found in Manitoba for the first time in Winnipeg in the fall of 2017. The City of Winnipeg will use the "Slow Ash Mortality," or SLAM, approach to EAB management which is the approach being applied in most Canadian cities dealing with EAB. A percentage of eligible ash trees on public properties will be injected with an approved pesticide to preserve them as long as possible. The remaining ash trees on public properties will be removed as they die and possibly replaced over time.



Over the next year, the City will be focusing on a survey to determine the current extent of the infestation, creation of a temporary Supervisor of Forestry Technical Services position to plan and implement our EAB response, removal and disposal of infested ash trees growing on public property, treatment of some public ash trees, expanded EAB monitoring, and public awareness and education.

***Tour to be Developed**

Brady Landfill



Composting pad for leaf and yard waste

A 9-hectare composting pad was added in October 2013, to turn all the leaf and yard waste from the curbside collection program into thousands of cubic metres of nutrient-rich compost.

Biosolids composting

A biosolids composting trial began in 2015, to compost up to 20% of the biosolids (nutrient-rich by-product of sewage treatment) produced in Winnipeg. The expected 300 cubic metres of compost produced every week will be used as final cover on the landfill to enhance vegetation growth.

Wood recycling
Since 2011, Wood Anchor, a reclaimed lumber and wood products company, has been diverting ash trees and old lumber from the landfill and transforming them into new products (e.g., furniture, flooring).

City of Brandon/Westman's Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs

A tour to Brandon (Manitoba's second largest city) would include a stop in Portage la Prairie where the Prairie T.R.U.S.T. project would be highlighted (field testing of Prairie hardy cultivars). Once in Brandon, the tour could start at the Assiniboine Food Forest (http://www.assiniboinefoodforest.ca/) for a discussion on permaculture and tour of the 40 acre forest. The tour would also stop at Assiniboine Community College where information on urban forest history in Manitoba and Brandon would be shared, and a tour of the green house for a talk on the horticultural programs at the college could be provided. Current community forestry and environmental initiatives in Brandon would be highlighted (Incredible Edible Brandon, Bee City) that would include exciting work going on at the Riverbank Discovery Centre (http://riverbank.mb.ca/).

Morden's Urban Forestry Program, Morden Research Station Arboretum

A tour to Morden would start with a stop at the Morden Research Station. The Morden Arboretum was once at the forefront of prairie hardy tree and shrub development and is an important part of urban forest history on the Prairies. In Morden, a community of just under 10,000, the highlights of urban forestry programming, including forest health management (DED, EAB), would be discussed. Morden has the most frost-free days compared to other Prairie communities, and the community is testing trees that are at the limits of their zone hardiness to help alleviate the problem of low tree species diversity in urban plantings. The challenges of urban forestry in smaller rural communities will be part of the focus of this tour along with details on the development of an urban forest council in the province that supports community forestry development and collaboration between governments, municipalities, industry, and non-profit groups.

Bike Winnipeg Tours

(1.5 to 3 hours)
Come explore Winnipeg by bike at a leisurely pace and plenty of stops with lively and knowledgeable experts. Bike marshals ensure the safety of riders. Bike rentals available from White Pine Bicycle Co.

Canoe River Tours

(2 to 8 hours)
Going paddling with friends or family has never been easier. We shuttle the boats and safety equipment to the launch point and return everything at the end of the route. See website for start and stop points along the Seine, La Salle, Assiniboine, Sturgeon and Red Rivers.

Fantastic Forest Forage

(1.5 hours)
A guided excursion unearths the edible bounty available in your own backyard. Wild food gathering includes plant identification, and tips and tricks for finding your favourite vittles. Tours take place at Assiniboine Forest or Seine River Park.

Spousal Program Options:

Hermetic Code Tour
(2 hours)



Join Dr. Frank Albo, creator of the *Hermetic Code* for an unforgettable tour of decoding the famous symbols and architecture that makes the building truly unique. Meet inside the Manitoba Legislative Building and begin your understanding of this magnificent building.

Dr. Albo will uncover trails of occult clues concealed in the building's architecture including: hidden hieroglyphic inscriptions, numerological codes, and Freemasonic symbols so intelligently masked it has escaped historians and visitors for nearly a hundred years!

You will learn that the building is a library of coded messages and secret techniques inscribed in a Masonic language. Is it possible that the Legislative Building is really a conduit of magical power? Is the building's location in the centre of North America a site for numinous earth energies? Come and find out for yourself! The Hermetic Code Tour is part of the Signature Experience Collection with Destination Canada.

Tour Includes:

- Exclusive guided one and half hour tour of the Manitoba Legislative Building by Dr. Frank Albo
- Tour escort throughout

Winnipeg City Sightseeing Tour
(3 hours)

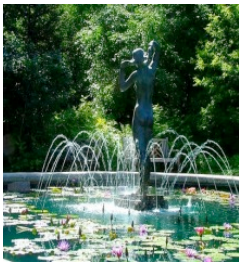


Tour Winnipeg, the wonderful city of trees! This tour includes the Forks National Historic site, Winnipeg's historical "meeting place", with its unique outdoor historic site and indoor market of shops, cafes, and restaurants.

Across the new Esplanade Riel Bridge, you will visit Winnipeg's French Quarter (St. Boniface) and the beautiful St. Boniface Cathedral, the oldest cathedral in Western Canada. The Cathedral's cemetery features the grave of Louis Riel, the famous Métis leader and founder of Manitoba.



You will tour through the Exchange District, with its exceptional collection of terra cotta and cut stone architecture. This thriving and unique neighborhood is home to an array of restaurants, nightclubs, art galleries and Winnipeg's theatre district. Its cobblestone streets and friendly pedestrian environment also contribute to its popularity as a period backdrop for today's movie industry.



You will also see the Legislative Building, the beautiful homes of Wellington Crescent, and Winnipeg's 393-acre Assiniboine Park where you will have the opportunity to walk through the unique Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, which features bronze sculptures, porcelains, paintings and sketches by celebrated Winnipeg artist, Leo Mol.

Tour Includes:

- Transportation by highway equipped motor coach
- Tour guide throughout

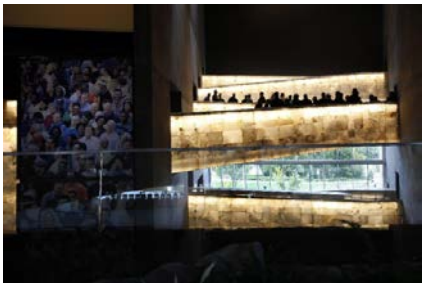
Canadian Museum for Human Rights - Explore the Galleries Tour

(3 hours)



The Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) is the first museum solely dedicated to the evolution, celebration and future of human rights. The CMHR is the first national museum to be built in nearly half a century, and the first outside the National Capital Region.

This 90-minute guided tour will take you on a human rights journey and help you discover what the Museum is all about. You will be able to explore most of the galleries and connect with compelling human rights stories. You will also see many architectural features of the building. Access to the Israel Asper Tower of Hope is not included in the guided tour. However, you will be able to visit the Tower on your own following the tour.



The Canadian Museum for Human Rights will take you on a journey of inspiration unlike anything you've experienced

before. From the moment you enter through its massive stone roots, to the time you emerge in its light-filled Tower of Hope, you will be moved by the power of human rights.

Tour Includes:

- Guided 90 minutes tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights
- Transportation by highway motor coach
- Tour Escort throughout

Journey to Churchill at Assiniboine Park

(3 hours)



Head to the award-winning Journey to Churchill exhibit at Assiniboine Park. Your guided journey starts in the Wapusk Lowlands where you will see wolves, black bears, and grey wolves.

Visit the Gateway to the Arctic exhibit where you will head inside a 10 ft acrylic tunnel and be surrounded by polar bears and seals. The large swimming area provides physical exercise and a place to frolic and dart between the ice chunks. With only a clear wall bisecting the two species habitats, the polar bears and seals see and smell each other, creating a dynamic and enriching environment. This interaction between the seals and polar bears will be part of what puts this exhibit at the forefront of arctic zoo experiences.



You will then discover the Churchill Coast as the facade will make you feel as though you are actually transported to the town of Churchill. The landscape will include rocks, bear dens, and here is where you can encounter polar bears “nose to nose”.

Tour Includes:

- Guided tour of the Journey to Churchill exhibit at the Assiniboine Park Zoo
- Transportation by highway equipped motor coach
- Tour escort throughout



CMHR: William Au



Journey to Churchill: Assiniboine Park Conservancy



Courtesy Fort Gibraltar



FortWhyte Alive, Mike Peters

Unique Offsite Venues

Make memories for your attendees by hosting a gala dinner, cocktail reception or group activity at one of Winnipeg's outstanding offsite venues. From sites steeped in history to spaces with panoramic views of nature and sporty settings, there are a plethora of options.

Canadian Museum for Human Rights

The iconic Canadian Museum for Human Rights will truly dazzle your delegation with ten awe-inspiring spaces including the Garden of Contemplation where natural light pours in through more than 1,600 panes of glass. Add a touch of inspiration to the night by asking for the galleries to be made available to your guests.

Assiniboine Park and Zoo

Assiniboine Park is home to Journey to Churchill, the world's most comprehensive northern species exhibit, where events can include an audience of swimming polar bears and seals as they play in overhead pools. You can also enjoy a private function in the serene Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, brimming with flowers, tranquil pools, and bronze sculptures.

Fort Gibraltar

Fort Gibraltar will bring you back to the 19th century fur trade era with costumed interpreters and ample room for dinners and jigging for some old-fashioned fun. Ensure a truly unique experience and let your delegates get their hands dirty by playing some voyageur games, like hatchet-throwing, musical spoons, and a bannock roast right on the grounds of the fort.

FortWhyte Alive

This award-winning nature centre has five distinct areas that are available for events, including spaces like a lakeside meeting room, and a field station surrounded by a mature aspen forest.

Oak Hammock Marsh

Marvel at the prairie marshlands, the freshwater springs, and the thirty kilometres of hiking trails amid abundant wildlife, as meeting facilities accommodate intimate board meetings, and larger dinner receptions.



Anderson's Hitch n' Post Ranch: Mike Peters



The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre: William Au



Club Regent Event Centre: Dave Pletz



Manitoba Museum: Tyler Walsh

Anderson's Hitch n' Post Ranch

Anderson's Hitch n' Post Ranch's rustic charm can be reached by journeying on a historic steam train complete with cowboys for a flavour of the Wild West. The ranch itself is studded with antiques and vintage cars for history buffs to peruse.

Winnipeg Art Gallery

The Winnipeg Art Gallery's incredible rooftop sculpture garden overlooks the city, where delegates can walk around the charming sculptures. Eckhardt Hall's gorgeous foyer can be utilized on its own for a reception or paired with the Skylight Gallery.

The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre

The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre will put you in a glamorous, century-old grand theatre setting. Pre-event gatherings are catered in the pristine Function Room, while the Rooftop Patio provides the perfect spot for a lavish, seasonal dining experience.

Club Regent Event Centre

Club Regent Event Centre's versatile space provides a multi-level, concert seating that can be converted into a flat floor at the touch of a button and ideal for galas and awards shows. Regardless of the layout you desire, you'll be guaranteed cutting edge, state-of-the-art lighting and sound.

Manitoba Museum

The Manitoba Museum galleries are ideal for progressive dinners and receptions that culminate on board a glistening 17th century ship that sailed from England to Hudson Bay. Wrap up an impeccable experience by having dessert in turn-of-the-century Winnipeg, where a gallery depicting the roaring 20's will make everything extra sweet.

For a description of Winnipeg's offsite venues, visit:
meetingswinnipeg.com/plan-your-meeting/offsite-meeting-venues

Winnipeg's Unique Offsite Venues

			Largest Meeting Room				
	No. of Meeting Rooms	Total Facility Square Footage	Square Footage	Ceiling Height	Banquet Style	Reception	Unionized Venues
Anderson's Hitch 'n Post Ranch	1	7,500	4,000	12'	350	450	
Assiniboia Downs	4	45,500	24,000	10.75'	800	1,500	
Assiniboine Park Zoo - Gateway to the Arctic	1	8,570	8,570	-	88	250	•
Assiniboine Park - Pavillion	1	3,500	3,500	-	100	130	•
Assiniboine Park - Qualico Family Centre	2	5,150	1,700	25'	180	220	•
Bell MTS Place	1	440,000	-	-	-	15,004	
Canadian Museum for Human Rights	10	27,546	12,305	25'	400	1,200	•
Celebrations Dinner Theatre	1	7,840	7,840	-	450	500	•
Centennial Concert Hall	2	53,000	16,000	20'	1,000	1,500	•
Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain (CCFM)	7	10,000	6,210	20'	420	554	
Centro Caboto Centre	8	9,490	5,200	18'	350	400	
Children's Museum	4	33,000	2,050	20'	150	180	
Circle of Life Thunderbird House	1	2,400	2,400	20'	150	350	
Club Regent Event Centre	1	15,580	11,580	24'	600	800	•
Fort Gibraltar	3	3,880	2,400	20'	140	180	
FortWhyte Alive	3	18,000	3,000	20'	110	140	
Investors Group Field	11	23,208	7,280	12'	350	400	
Kitchen Sync	1	4,000	3,800	18'	54	100	
Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site of Canada	6	5,316	1,632	10.5'	80	200	•
Manitoba Club	3	7,500	3,304	12'	220	400	
Manitoba Hydro Place	1	-	4,500	26'	350	600	•
Manitoba Museum	9	62,000	9,750	26'	500	1,500	•
Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum	1	-	3,000	12'	80	100	
Millennium Centre	2	6,000	5,600	52'	300	350	
Neeginan Centre	3	10,000	5,600	30'	350	550	
Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre	6	23,000	1,267	8'	60	100	
Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art	4	2,600	1,315	13'	100	400	
Red River Exhibition Park	1	39,000	35,750	22'	400	700	
Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada	6	91,000	6,216	28'	210	325	
The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre by Canad Inns	5	10,982	7,400	138'	580	999	•
University of Manitoba	30	100,000	9,870	30'	528	750	•
The University of Winnipeg	25	-	5,700	12'	250	300	•
Winnipeg Art Gallery	11	125,000	2,700	20'	200	300	•

Information as of January 2018



Hermetic Code Tour: William Au



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West End Mural Tour; Mike Peters



Osborne Village: William Au

Companion Programs

First Class Canadian Experiences

Nationally celebrated experiences in Winnipeg include **Oak Hammock Marsh's** Bird in the Hand, setting a wild bird free as part of a banding research project; uncover the Freemason architectural secrets and symbolism of the **Manitoba Legislative Building** through the Hermetic Code Tour; Discover the Magic of the North where **Assiniboine Park Zoo** takes you on an up-close encounter with polar bears at Journey to Churchill; and **FortWhyte Alive**'s A Prairie Legacy: The Bison and its People, features a bison herd safari, voyageur canoeing and more.

Explore, Engage and Entertain

The **Canadian Museum for Human Rights** offers tours covering diverse themes such as the building's connection to Indigenous beliefs and stories, to its architectural features.

The **Manitoba Museum** provides tours that explore the North, ancient civilizations and the adventurers who helped establish the Hudson Bay Company.

Guided Tours

City, musical history, and garden bus tours regale groups with entertaining tales while showcasing the natural beauty of Winnipeg. A **Design Quarter** tour will show you the best of the hip, historic Exchange District, while a Winnipeg Tasting Tour highlights the city's best breweries (and a distillery) to wet your whistle.

Discover the city's architectural, haunted, historic and Francophone community stories during guided walking tours that reveal more than 6,000 years of history. Water taxis and canoe tours also provide great views of the city for a different perspective. For more detailed descriptions and a list of tour operators go to: **tourismwinnipeg.com/play/tours.**

Sensational Shopping

Retail therapy tours features big box centres, gallery shops and malls. Visit North America's leading women's fashion house, Nygard, for private fashion events and personal shopping advisors for groups.

More for Less

If you plan to stay in the city for several days, a **Winnipeg Pass** allows you to pay one flat rate, saving you over 50 per cent on some of the city's best attractions, while **Culture Card** is a free app that offers information on Winnipeg's arts scene while getting you VIP access to premier events.

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Dear Mr. Rosen:
The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is pleased to present this RFP response together with the Province of Winnipeg, the City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

There are many compelling reasons to choose Winnipeg as a future conference site. The AMM is in full support of bringing the Canadian Urban Forest Conference to Winnipeg in 2020 because we believe this conference would allow you to experience the wonderful and professional treatment you would receive from the Winnipeg Convention Centre, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg.
Our association, which represents all 137 municipalities in Manitoba, holds 2 major events in Winnipeg, with close to 1,000 delegates in attendance and has found the service of these organizations to be first class and professional.

In addition, this conference would certainly be of interest to many of our municipalities that deal with tress and urban forests.

Winnipeg has a strong record of hosting successful national and international events. Our history of dedicated supporters, volunteers and excellent facilities make Winnipeg an ideal choice to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020. On behalf of AMM, we support the Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg in their efforts to host delegates attending the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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There are many compelling reasons to choose Winnipeg as a future conference site. The Parks and Urban Forestry Department is in full support of bringing the Canadian Urban Forest Conference to Winnipeg in 2020 because the conference brings education and information supporting our local arborists and urban foresters.

Morden is host to a city-wide tree inventory, Urban Forest Management Plan and Ash Strategy. We have recently hosted a local urban forestry workshop in Portage La Prairie in 2018, here over 65 attendees from 24 rural communities came together to learn more about Urban Forestry. Hosting this event in Winnipeg in 2020 is excellent timing and I feel it would have the support and interest from professionals in the city and rural areas of Manitoba.

Winnipeg has a strong record of hosting successful national and international events. Our history of dedicated supporters, volunteers and excellent facilities make Winnipeg an ideal choice to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020. On behalf of the City of Morden, we support the Province of Manitoba, City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg in their efforts to host delegates attending the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to the possibility of hosting this prestigious event in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,

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July 20, 2018

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Letter of Support: Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020

Dear Mr. Michael Rosen,

FortWhyte Alive is thrilled to present a letter of intent together with Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

FortWhyte Alive is in full support of bringing the Canadian Urban Forest Conference to Winnipeg in 2020. Winnipeg is a vibrant community that works tirelessly to support tourism and large events. Our city has recently played host to a number of large conferences, including the 2017 Manitoba Public Insurance conference and the 2015 Wildlife Society's Annual Conference.

The Wildlife Society's Annual Conference is notable as Winnipeg was chosen as the conference's first-ever Canadian host. FortWhyte Alive sat on the field trip subcommittee and facilitated a number of very well-received group outings for conference delegates. We boast a great working relationship with tour operators within the City of Winnipeg and work closely with Tourism Winnipeg and other partners to ensure that we offer first class opportunities for visitors to Winnipeg.

Working in collaboration with our affiliated groups as well as with the Manitoba Forestry Association, we believe that holding this conference in Winnipeg would benefit not just the attendees, but also increase awareness and appreciation of the urban green spaces within our city.

Winnipeg has a strong record of hosting successful national and international events. Our history of dedicated supporters, volunteers and excellent facilities make Winnipeg an ideal choice to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020. On behalf of FortWhyte Alive, we fully support Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg in their efforts to host delegates attending the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Letter of Support – Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020

Dear Mr. Michael Rosen:

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) – Prairie Chapter is pleased to present this RFP response together with the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, and Tourism Winnipeg to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

There are many compelling reasons to choose Winnipeg as a future conference site. The ISA Prairie Chapter is in full support of bringing the Canadian Urban Forest Conference to Winnipeg in 2020.

The International Society of Arboriculture - Prairie Chapter, a like minded organization to Tree Canada, is the premier tree care organization in Western Canada, east of the Rockies. From the prairies to the peaks, we are providing member services and education opportunities to over three hundred and fifty arborists and tree care professionals from both the public and private sectors.

Winnipeg has a strong record of hosting successful national and international events. Our history of dedicated supporters, volunteers and excellent facilities make Winnipeg an ideal choice to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020. We fully support the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg in their efforts to host delegates attending the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to the possibility of hosting this prestigious event in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,

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Letter of Support – Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020

Dear Mr. Michael Rosen:

The Manitoba Forestry Association (MFA) is pleased to present this RFP response together with the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

There are many compelling reasons to choose Winnipeg as a future conference site. MFA is in full support of bringing the Canadian Urban Forest Conference to Winnipeg, in 2020, as the Manitoba Forestry Association celebrates its 100th Anniversary in 2019!

The Manitoba Forestry Association (MFA) was created in the early 1970's, but our roots reach back to the early 1900's. When the Canadian Forestry Association (CFA) was established by a group of foresters, business leaders, legislators, and private citizens who felt Canadians needed to understand the important role forests played in our country's environment and economy. It was a groundbreaking move, as the concept of natural resource conservation was barely understood. These forward-thinkers forged ahead, kicking off their programming with a focus on forest fire prevention.

As the initiative expanded to encompass education around the entire forest ecosystem, so too did the CFA, and in 1945 the Canadian Forestry Division – Prairie Provinces Division was created. This evolved into the Prairie Provinces Forestry Association and finally, the three-prairie province's established separate associations, and the Manitoba Forestry Association was born.

This successful legacy has been nurtured by a dedicated and growing group of volunteers, funders, and MFA members who believe strongly in the importance of forest education. As Manitoba's oldest conservation education organization, the Manitoba Forestry Association is a leader in the field of forest education. This is achieved through our many programs: Private Land Resource Planning, Manitoba Envirothon, Forest in the Classroom, Manitoba Heritage Trees, Tree planting programs and events, Commemorative Trees and our Forest Discovery Centres. The MFA's mission is to inform and educate all Manitobans about wise management of trees and forests, to ensure they will remain healthy and productive not only for today, but for future generations.

Winnipeg has a strong record of hosting successful national and international events. Our history of dedicated supporters, volunteers and excellent facilities make Winnipeg an ideal choice to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020. On behalf of the Manitoba Forestry Association, we support the Province of Manitoba, City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg in their efforts to host delegates attending the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to the possibility of hosting this prestigious event in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,



Patricia Pohrebniuk
Executive Director

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Letter of Support – Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020

Dear Mr. Michael Rosen:

Manitoba Nursery Landscape Association (MBNLA) is pleased to present this RFP response together with the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

As the provincial trade association for businesses and professionals in the true 'green' industry, Manitoba Nursery Landscape Association is in full support of bringing the Canadian Urban Forest Conference to Winnipeg in 2020. Our members include landscape installation and maintenance companies, garden centres, greenhouse and nursery growers, and the organizations that support them. They are involved in the research and development of hardy stock for Canada and northern climates, as well as, growing, planting and maintaining our provincial landscapes and urban forests.

Our members understand the importance trees in our landscapes and take immense pride in growing and maintaining them. With limited hardy varieties available for our climate, they are keenly aware of the issues our trees and urban forests face. Dutch Elm Disease and, now, Emerald Ash Borer, are imminent threats to our precious tree canopy.

One of our members, Dr. Wilbert Ronald from Jeffries Nurseries in Portage la Prairie, has excelled in tree and shrub research and made numerous contributions to the nursery industry. As a research scientist with Agriculture Canada, Dr. Ronald initiated innovative programs in shade and shrub research that led to significant plant introductions that impact the nursery industry to the value of millions of dollars. He and his son, Dr. Phillip Ronald, published their first book "Trees for Northern Landscapes" in 2017. Focusing on northern research and development work including tree breeding, growing experience and tree use for northern zones, it fills a distinct need for tree production information in prairie Canada and the northern Midwest states.

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Winnipeg has a strong record of hosting successful national and international events. Our history of dedicated supporters, volunteers and excellent facilities make Winnipeg an ideal choice to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020. On behalf of Manitoba Nursery Landscape Association, we support the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg in their efforts to host delegates attending the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to the possibility of hosting this prestigious event in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,



Sharra Hinton, Executive Director

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Re: Letter of Support – Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020

Dear Mr. Michael Rosen:

Trees Winnipeg (Coalition to Save the Elms) is pleased to present this RFP response together with the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

There are many compelling reasons to choose Winnipeg as a future conference site. As the most recognizable urban forest educator in Winnipeg, Trees Winnipeg is in full support of bringing the Canadian Urban Forest Conference to Winnipeg in 2020 because this is an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of urban forest issues, exchange ideas among urban forest professionals, and to raise the profile Winnipeg's unique urban forest and green industry.

Winnipeg has a strong record of hosting successful national and international events. Our history of dedicated supporters, volunteers and excellent facilities make Winnipeg an ideal choice to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020. On behalf of Trees Winnipeg, we support the Province of Manitoba, City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg in their efforts to host delegates attending the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to the possibility of hosting this prestigious event in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,

Kerienne La France,
Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Rosen:

On behalf of the Manitoba government, I am pleased to learn that Winnipeg is being considered as the host city for Tree Canada Foundation 2020 Canadian Urban Forest Conference.

Our capital city has earned an excellent reputation for orchestrating major meetings and events, from large-scale national conventions to international multi-sport competitions. The secrets to Winnipeg's event organizing success includes modern meeting facilities, warm community spirit, outstanding hospitality and easy access to major attractions.

Situated at the heart of Canada, Winnipeg offers convenient accessibility from all parts of the country. Our newly-expanded RBC Convention Centre and renowned Canadian Museum for Human Rights are just two of the reasons that discerning meeting planners are increasingly drawn to this excellent convention location.

Autumn is a great time to visit too, though the true warmth of our province comes from our people, whose friendly, welcoming spirit always has such a memorable influence on our visitors.

I encourage you to choose Winnipeg as the host city for the Tree Canada Foundation 2020 Canadian Urban Forest Conference. You, and your delegates, will soon understand the reasons why so many groups are already glad they did.

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Cox

Honourable Cathy Cox
Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage

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Letter of Support – Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020

Dear Mr. Michael Rosen:

The School of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba is pleased to present this RFP response together with the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

There are many compelling reasons to choose Winnipeg as a future conference site. The School of Agriculture is in full support of bringing the Canadian Urban Forest Conference to Winnipeg in 2020 because it will support our efforts to provide professional development opportunities and networking opportunities for the Manitobans involved in supporting and protecting our trees. This is a chance to show case our city's beautiful urban forest and the collaborative and innovative work being carried out by the many educational, private sector and government stakeholders. The University of Manitoba is proud of the training program we delivery to support arborists across this province.

Winnipeg has a strong record of hosting successful national and international events. Our history of dedicated supporters, volunteers and excellent facilities make Winnipeg an ideal choice to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020. On behalf of the School of Agriculture, the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and the University of Manitoba, we

support the Province of Manitoba, City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg in their efforts to host delegates attending the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to the possibility of hosting this prestigious event in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,



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THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES & SCIENCES

C-FIR
Centre for Forest Interdisciplinary Research

7.20.2018

Re: RFP Response for the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020

Dear Mr. Michael Rosen,

As Director of the Centre for Forest Interdisciplinary Research (C-FIR) at The University of Winnipeg, I am pleased to signal our support for the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

As the main research centre for forestry in Manitoba, C-FIR is dedicated to the development of interdisciplinary research, education, and training in the areas of forestry, forest ecosystems, forest values and the human uses of forests. We offer the only forest ecology and forest management and policy programs offered in Manitoba, which are nationally accredited by the Canadian Institute of Forestry and EcoCanada. Since its creation in 1999, C-FIR has also facilitated collaboration among its founding stakeholders, including Manitoba Hydro, Louisiana Pacific Canada, and Manitoba Sustainable Development, to improve forestry research and training in the province. Over the past 5 years, C-FIR has drawn upon 20 members and over 30 funding partners to advance social and natural science research.

Given the importance of urban forests to Winnipeg, our researchers and students are closely involved with different levels of government, private partners, and community groups to develop new information to guide urban forestry practice and policy making. We see this conference as an excellent opportunity to further develop our network linkages and expand our interactions with urban forestry practitioners, students and organizations from around Canada—indeed, North America. Winnipeg also offers countless field trip opportunities and research/demonstration sites to enrich the conference program.

C-FIR will assist the applicants by fostering relationships with our many partners, as well as disseminating information through our extensive network. The Centre could provide meeting space for side events, as needed, as the UW is conveniently located in the heart of downtown

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Winnipeg. We also anticipate that many of our students and faculty would be quite interested in volunteering at the event and that they would definitely participate in the conference activities.

Both Winnipeg and C-FIR have earned leadership roles in the North American urban forest community, and we are prepared to do our part to make the Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020 a success!

Sincerely,



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Letter of Support – Canadian Urban Forest Conference 2020

Dear Mr. Rosen,

The Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences at The University of Winnipeg is pleased to support the efforts of the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, Economic Development Winnipeg and Tourism Winnipeg, urban tree management agencies and organizations and the tree care industry to host the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The City of Winnipeg and many smaller cities and towns in Manitoba have long standing urban forest management programs which have resulted in the creation of thriving and vibrant urban forests in our province. The University of Winnipeg delivers an urban tree forest education and training degree program for undergraduate students and trains graduate students in urban tree research covering topics such as urban tree management, tree protection and general aboriculture practices. Manitoba is home to a large tree care industry and there are non-profit citizen organizations that work with government and municipal agencies and the tree care industry to protect and enhance our urban forests. Researchers from The University Winnipeg work with a wide range of stakeholders to educate students and citizens on the importance of urban forests and implementing research to improve tree health and longevity in our towns and cities.

Urban tree care and protection activates in the province would benefit greatly from the publicity and public education opportunities provided by the 2020 Canadian Urban Forest Conference. This would also be a great opportunity for local tree care providers, urban forest researchers and provincial and municipal forest workers to network with their counterparts from across Canada and also showcase the excellent urban forest programs that exist in Manitoba.

Sincerely,



Dr. A. R. Westwood, Professor

Chair, Dept. of Environmental Studies and Sciences
and Faculty member Dept. of Biology

The University of Winnipeg

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Société de la francophonie manitobaine

Le 12 juillet 2018

Mesdames,
Messieurs,

La Société de la francophonie manitobaine (SFM), organisme porte-parole de la communauté francophone du Manitoba, est heureuse d'appuyer Développement économique Winnipeg/Tourisme Winnipeg dans sa quête d'être hôte pour la prochaine Conférence canadienne sur la forêt urbaine en 2020.

À bien des égards, Winnipeg serait une excellente ville d'accueil pour la Conférence canadienne sur la forêt urbaine. Winnipeg est une ville très représentative de la richesse canadienne. Francophones, Anglophiles, Anglophones, Autochtones, Métisses et nombreux groupes ethniques vivent à Winnipeg et ajoutent à son cachet unique et contribue au développement communautaire, économique et social de la province et du pays. En particulier, les communautés francophones, telles que celle du Manitoba, sont présentes partout au Canada et participent pleinement à la vitalité du pays.

Nous croyons fermement que Winnipeg, et tous ses partenaires ont les outils et ressources nécessaires pour accueillir la Conférence canadienne sur la forêt urbaine 2020. La communauté francophone du Manitoba serait heureuse de contribuer à son succès.

C'est donc sans réserve que la SFM recommande la tenue de la Conférence canadienne sur la forêt urbaine 2020 à Winnipeg.

Espérant que vous pourrez donner une suite favorable à la demande de Développement économique Winnipeg/Tourisme Winnipeg, nous vous prions de recevoir, Mesdames, Messieurs, l'expression de nos sentiments les meilleurs.

Le Directeur général,

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June 20, 2018

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Dear Mr. Michael Rosen,

It is my pleasure to support Tourism Winnipeg's bid to host the 2020 Canadian Urban Forest Conference in our vibrant city in the centre of Canada.

Winnipeg is a hub of tourism: ours is a city rich in arts, culture, sports and entertainment. Our recently expanded convention and conference facilities have hosted events for many national and international-scale organizations, and you will experience that our city is full of enthusiastic fans and volunteers – all of whom will create an amazing atmosphere for your delegates.

We are pleased you are considering Winnipeg as the host city for the 2020 Canadian Urban Forest Conference, and on behalf of the citizens of Winnipeg and my City Council colleagues, it would be our pleasure to welcome you to Winnipeg in 2020.

Sincerely,



Brian Bowman
MAYOR



Winnipeg Art Gallery: Martin Lussier



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Tourism Winnipeg Services

Once Winnipeg has been awarded the conference, Tourism Winnipeg will be pleased to provide the expertise and resources to assist in planning a successful meeting or event.

Tourism Winnipeg is dedicated to creating a world-class experience for your delegates

» Hosting a site visit – coordinating customized site visits of meeting and conference facilities, hotels, offsite venues and attractions

» Assisting with planning and accommodations – requesting proposals from hotels, venues, transportation and more

» Liaising with suppliers and services – connecting you with Winnipeg's meeting and conference suppliers, planners and destination management companies

Skilled at building attendance for Winnipeg

Tourism Winnipeg will work with you to offer suggestions and resources to entice and increase delegate attendance for your conference in Winnipeg by providing:

» Brochures, displays and marketing materials to showcase Winnipeg as an appealing destination for delegates and companions

» Winnipeg presentations and promotional videos that can be shown at the prior year's conference

» Images, ads and links to tourismwinnipeg.com for a website

» Recommendations for companion programs, tours, dining and everything that is important in a host city for your delegates.

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