

Call for Submissions
Abstracts due May 5, 2019

October 7 to 10, 2019, Québec City, Canada

The 2019 Canadian Parks Conference will bring together parks and protected areas' community members, especially managers, initiators of innovative projects, decision-makers, stakeholders, practitioners, researchers, academics, and students from numerous disciplines, communities, and sectors to discuss best practices, creative initiatives, and the latest research related to strengthening relationships with Canada's parks and protected area community. The common vision to be explored through a multitude of lenses (professional, regional, and cultural) aims to support healthy Nature¹ and healthy people for generations to come. These places include municipal, provincial, territorial and national parks, trails and corridors, urban green spaces, Indigenous protected and conserved areas, private protected areas and conservancies, biosphere reserves, and other effective conservation measures.

The content of the conference will be organized along streams that **connect** people with—and **conserve**—Nature through **collaboration** and **leadership**. Within this framework, opportunities will be curated to create dialogue within our diverse community of individuals and organizations at all levels of government, and with partners from related sectors (notably tourism, education, health and industry) who work through the parks sector to enhance our collective wellbeing and sustainability. The conference will also showcase the important role of local communities who shape support for parks and protected areas on their own, and as anchors in Canada's economy.

The call for submissions welcomes two conference presentation formats and the evaluation committee looks forward to reviewing and accepting abstracts that reflect the diversity and expertise of the parks and protected area community:

- Short presentation abstracts (e.g. approximately 20-minutes, plus questions)
- Special session abstracts (e.g. presentation length and format to be proposed by authors, interactive sessions preferred)

The conference experience will also be augmented with keynote speakers and value-added networking and learning opportunities that aim to build community and foster relationships. Moreover, we recognize the importance of inclusion and creativity and we invite program ideas or offerings that are unique and enriching (e.g. performance, art, ceremony, or another creative

¹ "N" – Spelling Nature with a capital signifies its importance as the unifying element connecting all 2019 Canadian Parks Conference participants.

approach). Please contact propositionconference2019@sepaq.com if you would like to suggest a special contribution.

In advance of receiving submissions, the evaluation committee wishes to thank all contributors.

Conference Objectives

1. Further collaboration among networks while advancing pan-Canadian initiatives.
2. Share success stories, best practices, expertise, and research findings, throughout the park community and with allied partners.
3. Celebrate and interweave different learning frameworks by sharing both Indigenous and non-Indigenous knowledge systems.

Conference Streams

Participants are invited to propose abstracts that can be organized within one or a combination of the four conference streams:

A) COLLABORATING and building relationships that value the benefits of Nature

This stream will showcase a diversity of collaboration models, the complexity and interdisciplinary nature of park and protected area management, and present examples of collaboration that could be relevant to other park settings nationally and internationally.

B) CONNECTING with and fostering a love for Nature through a diversity of experiences

This stream will explore the benefits of connecting with Nature for individuals, communities and society as a whole, while underscoring policies and practices that can lead to inclusive experiences, sustainable development and to greater public support for parks and protected areas.

C) CONSERVING and supporting the diversity of life to meet the needs of all species

This stream will draw attention to the role and diversity of parks and protected areas in conserving biodiversity and supporting cultural resilience through practice and policy locally, regionally, nationally and globally.

D) LEADING by supporting professional development and igniting performance excellence

This stream will demonstrate innovative leadership models and professional development best practices that inspire and expand the capacity of current and future leaders in the parks and protected area community.

Call for Submissions

The call for submissions encourages conference contributions from different disciplines and sectors that present knowledge or experience on topics related to the four conference streams, such as:

- Economic benefits of parks
- Common interests of the park community
- Park financing
- Urban parks and health
- Park and population health
- Indigenous peoples and identity
- Indigenous peoples and nature
- Indigenous leadership and nature protection

- Creation of parks and the role of politics
- Recreation in the parks
- Experiences and practices in the natural environment
- Accessibility of parks and regions remote from urban centres
- Private companies and parks
- Governance and parks
- Protected areas and human presence
- Collaborative or management practices
- Tourism and parks
- Clienteles and park visitors
- Means of transport in the parks
- Collaborative strategies
- Labelling of parks or protected areas
- Marketing of parks
- Park attractiveness
- Conservation and human presence
- Collaboration and preservation of fauna and flora

Submission Information and Guidelines

To facilitate the submission process, please consider the following guidelines, information, terms, and deadlines. All submissions will be assessed by an evaluation committee consisting of recognized experts with broad disciplinary representation from across Canada and beyond.

- All parks and protected areas' community members in the various sectors of activity are invited to submit a scientific or a non-scientific proposal.
- Submissions are accepted in French or English.
- Submission templates are not provided – abstracts must be submitted according to guidelines in Word or PDF format.
- After submission, an acknowledgement receipt will be sent within 24 hours.
- **Notice of Acceptance** will occur on or before May 24, 2019.
- All accepted abstracts will be invited to submit a full article before January 15, 2020 to be included in the Conference Proceeding (note: in order to be published, at least one of the authors must have paid his or her registration for the conference – editorial standards are forthcoming).

1. Short Presentation Abstract - Structure and Submission Guidelines

- Title: Maximum length of 100 characters (without spaces); no separate subtitles
- First and last name of authors (the presenter first)
- Affiliation of each author (First and last name, title or position, community or organization)
- Abstract body (maximum length: 300 to 500 words)
- Key words: min. 3, max. 5
- Recommended conference stream(s) (i.e. collaborate, connect, conserve or lead)
- Type of content: scientific or non-scientific
- For scientific presentations, do not attach bibliographic references
- **Submission Deadline:** May 5, 2019 (11:59 Eastern Time Zone), submitted to propositionconference2019@sepaq.com.

2. **Special Session Abstract - Structure and Submission Guidelines**

- Title: Maximum length of 100 characters (without spaces); no separate subtitles
- First and last name of authors (the presenter first)
- Affiliation of each author (First and last name, title or position, community or organization)
- Abstract body (maximum length : 300 to 500 words)
- Proposed special session format (e.g. roundtable, workshop, world café, etc.)
- Proposed special session length
- Key words: min. 3, max. 5
- **Deadline:** April 5, 2019 (11:59 Eastern Time Zone), submitted to propositionconference2019@sepaq.com

Evaluation Committee

Review teams will be established for each conference stream from the following list of experts:

- Denis Auger, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, (Québec) Canada
- Karen Beazley, Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia) Canada
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- Mike Walton, Yukon Nature Conservancy (Yukon) Canada
- Lynn Wilson, Regional Parks, Capital Regional District (British Columbia) Canada
- Hilary Young, Yellowstone to Yukon (Alberta) Canada

For more information about the conference, you are invited to visit the following website:
<http://www.canadianparksconference.com/en>