

Future Worldcons Questionnaire

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General

1. Name of Convention?
Edmonton In 2030
2. What dates will your convention run?
August 21-25, 2030 (anticipated)
3. What is your proposed convention host city?
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
4. Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb? If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center?
City center.
5. What are your main facilities? How far are your hotels from your main venue?
Edmonton Convention Centre. Main hotels are within one-four blocks away and easy to walk to.
6. If applicable, have you agreed to participate in Pass-Along-Funds?
Yes.
7. What is the sponsoring organization?
Northern Alberta Science Fiction Society (NABSFS)
8. Is the sponsoring organization a non-profit (example US 501(c)(3)) under the laws of your country?
NABSFS is a non-profit society registered in the Province of Alberta, Canada.
9. Is the sponsoring organization tax-exempt for local taxes, especially sales tax?
No.
10. What is your website and other social media presence?
<https://www.edmontonin2030.org/>
<https://bsky.app/profile/edmontonin2030.bsky.social>
https://www.instagram.com/edmonton_in_2030

Convention details

11. Who is your convention chair?

N/A - we are currently in Bid stage. The Bid Committee is co-chaired by Olav Rokne, Amanda Wakaruk, and Winston Pei.

12. Who is on your committee?

Members of the Bid Committee: Kayla Allen, James Bacon, Tammy Coxen, David Hyttenrauch, Jesi Lipp, Farah Mendlesohn, Preme Mohamed, Ed Picard, Olav Rokne, Randy Shepherd, Kris Snyder, Amanda Wakaruk, Paul Weimer.

13. Con Chair Experience: Briefly, tell us about major roles and accomplishments the chair has with Worldcons, and other relevant conventions.

See the Bid Committee member information, [available here](#).

14. Senior Committee Experience: Briefly, summarize the convention background of the vice-chair(s), executive committee, and/or major division heads.

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15. What is your vision for your convention?

Our mission is to host a progressive, inclusive, diverse celebration of science fiction, fantasy and horror in all its forms at Worldcon — A Worldcon where people feel safe and welcomed, where marginalized voices, their vision, works and imagination are platformed and celebrated. We plan to recognize and foreground the Indigenous peoples in the area now known as Edmonton, which is situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

16. How do you plan to make your vision happen?

The bid committee is currently working on plans for 2026 that will draw on the best of past and future Worldcons while also recognizing the needs of our local and national communities. We have also started outreach activities including the identification of important stakeholders.

17. What is a notable aspect of your local fan culture and how do you plan to incorporate it into your convention?

Animethon and When Words Collide are two conventions that we expect substantial audience overlap with and we will strive to coordinate dates with both. In addition, there is a history of Canadian SFF organizing in Edmonton and we plan to highlight this. We will also seek out opportunities to highlight Indigenous SFF.

Travel

18. What is your main local airport?

Edmonton International Airport

19. What is the most practical and convenient way on public transit from your airport(s) to your main hotel?

A bus links arrivals to the subway system, which has a stop within a block from the main hotels. This costs \$8 CAD and takes about an hour. Taxis and Ubers are around \$75 CAD including tip and tax and take about 30 minutes

Facilities

20. What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?

We have not begun negotiating with the hotels but are working with Explore Edmonton (the municipal tourism agency) to explore options.

21. How many rooms, what type, accessibility issues, etc?

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22. What are the room rates?

We have not begun negotiating with the hotels as of yet, but the hotels closest to the convention are typically priced with room rates as follows, in USD:

Fairmont Hotel Macdonald (\$215 / Night)

Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel (\$97 / Night)

The Westin Edmonton (\$160 / Night)

JW Marriott Edmonton ICE District (\$250/ Night)

Chateau Lacombe Hotel (\$110/ Night)

Courtyard Edmonton Downtown (\$180/ Night)

DoubleTree by Hilton Edmonton Downtown (\$110/ Night)

23. Do these rates include breakfast and internet access?

Some do.

24. How firm are these rates?

Subject to future negotiations.

25. What additional taxes and fees are there?

5% Goods and Services Tax and a 4% tourism levy on Edmonton hotels.

26. What is the distance between the main hotel and the main program or exhibits site, if any.
We have not begun negotiating with the hotels as of yet but they are all within one-four blocks of the convention centre.
27. Are you in more than one building? Are the buildings connected or adjacent? If not, what transportation is available between sites for members with mobility issues?
The Edmonton Convention Centre will host the main program and exhibits. For after-hours or additional needs, we plan to negotiate with nearby hotels.
28. Where will your main events (Hugo Awards, Masquerade, etc.) be held?
Edmonton Convention Centre or the Winspear Centre (a world class concert hall less than 450m away from the Convention Centre).
29. What is the seating capacity there?
Event space capacity for the Hugo Awards Ceremony, for example, is 1,884 at the nearby Winspear Centre or 2,400 at the Convention Centre.
30. Where can on-site socializing happen? Are arrangements required to permit serving food or alcohol?
The Convention Centre has areas suitable for evening socializing, as do nearby hotels. Arrangements are required for food and alcohol service.
31. What are the rules and laws regarding smoking? Where is smoking permitted on site (and what can be smoked)?
Smoking (or vaping) is not permitted in any workplace or public building, or within 10 metres of a door or air intake for the building. This includes hotels and convention spaces. In locations where smoking (or vaping) are permitted, both tobacco and cannabis are legal.
32. What will your policies be regarding public health and disease transmission?
We will monitor local requirements and Worldcon best practices and make this type of policy decision closer to site selection voting in 2028.
33. What are the parking rates for your convention center and hotel(s)?
We have not begun negotiating with the hotels as of yet but parking in the area can generally be found for around \$20 CDN / day.

Location

34. Summarize nearby restaurants (five minutes walk, 400 meters, 440 yards) including fast food, fine dining, and anything in between.

There are small fast food restaurants across the street from the convention centre. Within four blocks of the Convention Centre, there's a mix of high-end dining (Woodwork, Sorrentino's) and more casual fare (OEB, Oil Lamp) as well as a food court in a shopping centre, and a grocery store. Edmonton is proud of its food-truck scene, and we will work with local food truck operators to ensure that there are always a few trucks parked on the South Landing of the Edmonton Convention Centre, to complement the various restaurant and grocery options that are within walking distance of the Convention Centre.

35. What is the typical weather in your area during your convention dates?

Visitors can expect average highs of 23°C (73°F) and lows of 10°C (50°F). Edmonton averages 11 hours of sunshine every day during August, with very few days of intermittent rain.

36. What are a few of the most notable or interesting tourist attractions in your area?

Festivals are a main attraction and there are some, including Animethon, happening in a central square a few blocks from the Convention Centre immediately before and after the suggested dates for Edmonton in 2030. Edmonton is also known for its extensive river valley trails and West Edmonton Mall, which was the largest mall in the world for a few decades after it opened in the late 1980s.

Edmonton tourist attractions include the Alberta Aviation Museum, the Alberta Train Museum, the Telus World of Science, and a number of art galleries and museums that display Indigenous art in their permanent collections. Three to four hours away by car are the Badlands, Royal Tyrrell Museum (dinosaurs), and the Rocky Mountains.

Convention Specifics

37. Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain demographic groups, such as young adults, unemployed, or seniors?

Yes but we haven't yet worked out the specifics.

28. Do you have a Code of Conduct? Please link to your Code of Conduct and any other relevant policies.

Not yet but we will build on the Codes of Conduct that have been developed by recent Worldcons, and are aware that these are living documents that need to respond to ongoing and new concerns.

29. What are your plans and policies about diversity, equity, and inclusion regarding members, staff, and volunteers?

The Bid team carefully considers EDIA in all aspects of our work, including planning. We have included EDIA-related discussions at our meetings and assigned an accessibility lead (Farah Mendlesohn). With their guidance, we have consulted with previous Cons and Explore Edmonton about accessibility considerations. EDIA is top of mind when we consider where and how we promote the Bid and advertise it, how we recruit volunteers, etc. We are prioritizing actively seeking out key people who will help us with sensitive choices around language, platforms, and support provisions.

We also plan to establish processes that will create a space for and be supportive of complainants when taking challenges and criticisms, putting us in a better position to take these things seriously and address them with thoughtful, respectful responses. We realize that this will also mean “calling in” members of our own teams when needed and modeling appropriate behaviour.

We have also reached out to Indigenous advisors about our right to bring a Con to Amiskwaciy-Wâskahikan (the area now named Edmonton, Alberta, Canada) and have included Cree language syllabics in our logo and on our website.

If this Bid is seated, we will strive to include programming from as wide a range of participants as possible. For example, both Canada as a country and Alberta as a province are home to people from a wide range of linguistic traditions, and we will strive to include contributions from as many of these groups as possible, including those who speak Algonquin languages (e.g., Cree and its variations), Indo-Iranian languages (e.g., Hindi, Punjabi, etc.), French, etc.

In addition to a diverse program, the availability of a range of accommodations will be a key achievement. If we do host a Worldcon, then a debrief about the entire Con, including how we did with EDIA considerations will be completed in order to assess achievements in this area, overall.

30. Do you have plans for remote virtual participation by members and/or program participants?

Not yet but this is something that the Bid Committee will explore in 2026/7 and we are assuming that there will be a virtual component. Note that platforms and technology are evolving quickly and we will consult with

Worldcon staff about the best options if the Bid is seated.

31. What is the human rights situation in your country or region? Specifically, can members who are LGBTQ+ or members of religious, ethnic, or racial minorities travel in safety to your convention?

Human rights in Canada are protected by federal, provincial, and territorial laws, including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Human Rights Act. Canada ranks highly in numerous lists of safe travel destinations for visible minorities and members of the LGBTQ+ community (e.g., [Travelpulse](#), [Expatis](#), etc.).

33. Are you able to accept direct payment from outside your country for memberships or other purchases via credit card or other electronic payments?

Yes.

34. Is there anything else you want to share with our members? Give us links to any pages you want to point people to. You could also give a short statement here if there's anything important not covered in the questions above.