

Fannish Q&A Questionnaire for Edmonton 2030 (Worldcon Bid)

City Country	Edmonton Canada	Year	2030	Type	Worldcon Bid
Dates	August 21-27, 2030	Venue		Website	EdmontonIn2030.org
Con Chair	TBA	Bid Chair (if different)			

Senior Concommittee	Malcolm Azania, Kateryna Barnes, Marshall Boyd, Candace Jane Dorsey, Erika Ensign, Linda Ensley, John Hayes, Mike Johnson, Tim Klassen, Daniel Koyata, Ross Lockwood, Premee Mohammed, Marc-Julien Objois, Winston Pei, Olav Rokne, Steven Schapansky, and Amand
Con Chair Experience Briefly, tell us about major roles and accomplishments the chair has with Worldcons, NASFiCs, and other conventions.	The Edmonton in 2030 bid was launched only two months ago. At present, our team has a former Bouchercon bid chair (Linda Ensley), someone who has been a key volunteer at When Words Collide (Winston Pei), several frequent Worldcon volunteers, and a Worldcon DH.
Senior Committee Experience Briefly, summarize the convention background of the vice-chair(s), executive committee, and/or major division heads.	At present, we have just received Not-For-Profit Status, and our society has elected a chair and a secretary treasurer. That society is forming the bid committee, which will elect chairs and vice chairs in the new year.

<p>Leadership & Succession Will you have one or more vice-chairs? Do you have a succession plan if your chair is unable to attend or lead the convention? Do you have a governance or accountability process, as a last resort, to remove a seated chair if your membership or sponsoring organization decides the chair is not performing the job as expected?</p>	<p>Our planned structure for the bid (and for the convention) is to have one chair and two vice chairs.</p>
<p>Pass-Along Funds Will you participate in the tradition of passing along a post-con surplus to future Worldcons, and NASFiCS? To what percentage? Give any details or restrictions you will apply to these transfers?</p>	<p>We will participate in the tradition of pass-along funds. It is our intention to increase the pass along percentage from 50 per cent of surplus to 70 per cent of surplus.</p>
<p>Airfares What are typical competitive airfares to your local airport(s) from major cities (e.g. New York, Boston, Washington/Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, London, Tokyo, Sydney)?</p>	<p>Chicago - \$519 London - \$1,290 Munich - \$928 Seattle - \$296 Shanghai - \$1,977 New York - \$540 Tokyo - \$1,318 Toronto - \$270 Melbourne - \$1,280</p>
<p>Is your main local airport a national or international hub? From how many cities do nonstop flights come to your airport(s) daily? Are direct flights to your airport available from all continental hubs?</p>	<p>As of 2024, Edmonton International Airport has direct flights to and from 13 cities in the United States, as well as flights to and from the Netherlands, Mexico, Germany, Costa Rica, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba.</p>
<p>Can you recommend, or not recommend, alternative airlines or airports that might be less expensive or more convenient for some travelers?</p>	<p>The only other airport that could be considered is the Calgary International Airport, which is a three-hour drive south of Edmonton.</p>

<p>What is the most practical and convenient way on public transit from your airport(s) to your main hotel? How many connections and fares are required? What is the expected travel time on public transit? Also tell us about taxi, shared-ride, or shuttle costs and times from the airport for travelers with heavy luggage and/or accessibility needs? What is the travel time for these rides?</p>	<p>A taxi ride from the airport to Downtown costs \$60 CDN (flat-rate). Drive time is about 35 minutes. On public transit, there is a public transit option (bus to the south end of the light rail, followed by nine stops on the light rail) that takes an hour and 10 minutes, and costs \$5 CDN.</p>
<p>Venue(s)/Facilities What is your main venue(s) for program and exhibit space? How many function rooms do you have (for panels, events, and other scheduled activities) and what is the total seating capacity? How much exhibit space do you have (for dealers, art show, fan tables, etc.)?</p>	<p>The Edmonton Convention Centre is our main convention location. It has about 165,000 square feet of total event space, including 20 breakout rooms, and another 40,000 square feet of lobby space. We are currently speaking to two off-site venues as potential venues for the Hugo Awards.</p>
<p>What are your main hotels? What are the room rates? How many max sleeping room nights have you contracted on the busiest night (Saturday)? Are you using other hotels, and if so, how far away are those and what are their rates? Please include taxes.</p>	<p>We have not begun negotiating with the hotels as of yet, but the hotels closest to the convention centre are: Fairmont Hotel Macdonald (USD \$215 / Night) Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel (USD \$97 / Night) The Westin Edmonton (USD \$160 / Night) JW Marriott</p>
<p>What is the distance between main hotel and main program or exhibits site, if any.</p>	<p>All venues that we are considering for main program or exhibits are within 1,500 feet of the conference centre.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>We are likely to have events in a separate building.</p>

<p>Where will your main events (Hugo Awards, Masquerade, etc.) be held? What is the seating capacity there?</p>	<p>We are still negotiating venues for this.</p>
<p>Where can on-site socializing happen? Are arrangements required to permit serving food or alcohol?</p>	<p>Arrangements are required for food and alcohol service.</p>
<p>What are the rules and laws regarding smoking? Where is smoking permitted on site (and what can be smoked)?</p>	<p>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 legal, both tobacco and cannabis are fully legal.</p>
<p>What will your policies be regarding public health (masking, social distancing, etc.)? Will you policies accommodate members with respiratory or immunity issues?</p>	
<p>What area of the city (or suburb) is your convention site in your city: How far is the convention from the city center, airport, or intercity rail or bus</p>	<p>The parking lot closest to the convention centre: MONDAY - SUNDAY: 12:01 AM - 5:00 PM Per hr: \$9.00. Daily flat rate (to 6:00 PM): \$40.00. EVENINGS: Flat rate until 6:00 AM: \$20.00.</p>
<p>What area of the city (or suburb) is your convention site in your city: How far is the convention from the city center, airport, or intercity rail or bus terminals, or important cultural/tourist/entertainment districts?</p>	<p>The Edmonton Convention Centre is located in the heart of downtown Edmonton. It is two blocks north of the Art Gallery of Alberta, one block from Sir Winston Churchill Square, and two blocks away from City Hall. The central LRT station is across the street from the convention centre.</p>

<p>Summarize nearby restaurants (five minutes walk, 400 meters, 440 yards) including fast food, fine dining, and anything in between.</p>	<p>There are only a few small fast food restaurants across the street from the convention centre. Within three blocks, however, you'll find a mix of high-end dining (Woodwork, Sorrentino's) and more casual fare (OEB, Oil Lamp). Edmonton is proud of its food-truck scene, and it is our intention to work with some of our local food truck operators to ensure that there are two or three excellent options parked on the South Landing of the Edmonton Convention Centre.</p>
<p>What is the typical weather in your area during your convention dates?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain demographic groups, such as young adults, military, or seniors?</p>	
<p>Does your convention have a theme or vision? How would you include these ideas into your convention?</p>	
<p>Are there any activities or features of your regional fannish culture that you can bring to your convention?</p>	
<p>Do you have a Code of Conduct? What is the URL? Does your Code of Conduct include an anti-discrimination policy?</p>	<p>This document is currently being drafted.</p>

<p>What are your plans and policies about diversity, equity, and inclusion regarding members, staff, and volunteers?</p>	<p>If selected as the location for the 2030 Worldcon, it is our intention to host a progressive, inclusive, diverse Worldcon — A Worldcon where people feel safe and welcomed, where marginalized voices are platformed and celebrated. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are baked into the DNA of our bid. Given that this is a Worldcon bid that would invite members of SFF fandom onto Treaty Six Territory, all members of the bid committee will be required to take Indigenous Cultural Training, following which the committee will discuss with Indigenous representatives how to ensure the convention is respectful to Treaty obligations. (As context, Treaty Six is a legal document signed in 1876 between the Queen and the Plains, Wood Cree, Nakota, Saulteaux, and Dene peoples. Edmonton is located in Treaty Six territory.)</p>
<p>Do you have plans for remote virtual participation by members and/or program participants? If so, are you familiar with budget, technical, and staffing issues regarding virtual programming?</p>	

<p>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?</p>	<p>Canada's human rights are protected by the Constitution, federal, provincial, and territorial laws, and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Canadian Human Rights Act promotes equal opportunity and allows people to challenge discrimination based on 11 grounds, including race, age, and sex. According to Forbes magazine, Canada is one of the three safest countries on Earth to travel. Asher & Lyric ranked Canada as the safest destination for LGBTQ+ tourists. According to Statistics Canada in 2023, Edmonton had a rate of hate-related crimes of 8.7 such incidents per 100,000 population. By comparison, in the same year, Toronto had a rate of 17.8, Montreal had a rate of 10.6, and Calgary had 9.0. The closest US-based Worldcon comparators we could find were Police reports from Seattle and Los Angeles, which had rates of 19 per 100,000 in 2021, and 22 per 100,000 in 2020 respectively.</p>
<p>For Worldcons: What are your plans for including Hugo finalists who attend the convention in your convention program?</p>	<p>Our program team will be asked to schedule each attending 2030 Hugo Finalist on at least one program item.</p>
<p>More Info Is there anything else you want to share with our members? Give us links to any pages you want to point people to. Optionally, you could also give a short statement here if there's anything important not covered in the questions above.</p>	