



Program

COLLABORATION FOR CHANGE

March 14-17, 2018

Coast Canmore Hotel and Conference Centre

Canmore, Alberta





About the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association

The Alberta Recreation and Parks Association is a not-for-profit organization committed to building healthier and happier communities and citizens by developing and promoting recreation and parks. ARPA has successfully facilitated six previous Parks Forums, demonstrating their proactive leadership in the field of parks, open spaces and outdoor recreation.



About Parks Forum

Inspired by the incredible diversity of parks, landscapes and open spaces in this country, ARPA created the Parks Forum to gather key partners, educators, students, thinkers, and decision makers to develop ideas and forge connections.

Forum Theme – *Collaboration for Change*

The theme for the 2018 Parks Forum is “Collaboration for Change.” Success within parks will be achieved in large part through our ability to collaborate with a range of existing and new partners in areas of shared objectives and alignment. The Parks Forum offers a significant opportunity for collaboration across diverse sectors and cultures. The Forum is also an opportunity to reflect on and evaluate existing initiatives, while also generating new ideas and approaches to parks planning, management and use.

Forum at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

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| 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | PRE-FORUM WORKSHOPS | |
| | PF1 | PF2 |
| | <i>Municipal Parks Workshop (Paul Ronan with ARPA's Parks and Open Space Committee)</i> | <i>Elders Circle on Parks</i> |
| 7:00 – 10:00 PM | NETWORKING RECEPTION | |

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

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| 8:00 – 9:00 AM | REGISTRATION |
| 9:00 – 9:15 AM | WELCOME |
| 9:15 – 10:00 AM | OPENING KEYNOTE: <i>Gil Penalosa – Urban Parks</i> |
| 10:00 – 10:15 AM | REFRESHMENT BREAK |
| 10:15 – 11:00 AM | KEYNOTE SPEAKER #2: REG CROWSHOE – <i>Elders Circle Sharing</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:30 AM | KEYNOTE SPEAKER #3: <i>Steve Donelon - Parks for All</i> |
| 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM | KEYNOTE SPEAKER #4: <i>Anish Neupane - Presentation on the Canada Target 1</i> |
| 12:15 – 1:30 PM | LUNCH <i>Workshop Introduction</i> |
| 12:15 – 1:30 PM | PLENARY WORKSHOP: <i>Facilitated Discussion Groups focused on one of the three topics</i> |
| 3:00 – 3:30 PM | REFRESHMENT BREAK |
| 3:30 – 4:00 PM | WRAP-UP <i>Discussion groups report back</i> |
| 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Parks Forum Trade Show Reception - <i>Drinks and Appetizers</i> |
| 6:30 PM | DINNER (ON YOUR OWN) |

Forum at a Glance

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

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| 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | BREAKFAST | | | | |
| 8:30 – 9:30 AM | PLENARY SPEAKER Eli Enns - Co-Chair, Indigenous Circle of Experts, Pathway to Canada Target 1 | | | | |
| 9:30 – 9:45 AM | REFRESHMENT BREAK | | | | |
| | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | A5 |
| 9:45 – 10:45 AM | Cultural Uses of Water <i>William Snow</i> | The City of Red Deer Public Gardening Initiatives <i>Ken Lehman</i> | Appreciation to Action: How to use environmental education as a tool in parks management <i>Marlis Eaton & Kirsten Pilger</i> | Calgary River Access Strategy Panel– Lessons in Collaboration and Going with the Flow <i>Laura Smith</i> Meewasin Valley Authority – River Access Study Results <i>Doug Porteous</i> | Addressing the Questions of Tourism and Parks <i>Joe Pavelka</i> |
| 10:45 – 11:00 AM | TRANSITION BREAK | | | | |
| 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | B5 |
| | Changing the Way YYC Plays <i>Graham Jones</i> | Collaborations to Connect Canadians with Nature and Culture for Canada 150 <i>Michael Nadler</i> | Building Momentum After Disaster: Flood Recovery with Partners and Volunteers <i>Julia Millen</i> | Municipally-held Conservation Easements <i>Guy Greenaway</i> | Writing on Stone Relationship Building <i>Aaron Domes & Martin Heavy Head</i> |
| 12:00 – 1:30 PM | LUNCHEON <i>Hon. Shannon Phillips / Hon. Catherine McKenna</i> | | | | |
| 1:30 – 3:00 PM | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | C5 |
| | Roots for Trees Program <i>Catherine Falk & Katelynn Webb</i> | Searching for interpretive excellence: What Alberta can learn from latest evidence on interpretive best practice <i>Elizabeth Halpenny, Glen Hvenegaard & CJ Blye</i> | Collaboration from the grass roots: 2 parks. 2 experiences <i>Jennifer Okrainec</i> | Protected Areas Management Effectiveness- A Key Guiding Element in Alberta's Response to Canada Target 1 <i>Kate Churchill & Joyce Gould</i> | Exploring Commercial Opportunities in Park Settings Panel <i>City of Calgary (Henrik Janneson and Laura Smith); Alberta Parks & Parks Canada (Dave McDonough)</i> |
| 3:00 – 5:30 PM | STUDENT POSTERS AND PARTNER SHOWCASE - Wine and Cheese Reception | | | | |
| 5:30 PM | DINNER (ON YOUR OWN) | | | | |

Forum at a Glance

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

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| 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | BREAKFAST | | | | |
| | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 | D5 |
| 9:45 – 10:45 AM | Creating Inclusive Communities through Inclusive Playgrounds <i>Variety Alberta</i> | New partners and new directions for education, tourism and Indigenous collaboration <i>Dianne Draper & Kathy Rettie</i> Life Line <i>Juliana Morar</i> | After Dark in the Park - Community collaboration to preserve the night sky <i>Paul Wilson</i> | Environmental Supply: The Big Picture <i>Barbara McNicol</i> | Wildfire Management Panel <i>Tara McGee & Renny Grilz</i> |
| 9:30 – 9:45 AM | REFRESHMENT BREAK | | | | |
| | E1 | E2 | E3 | E4 | E5 |
| | Building Relations in Parks Planning: Indigenous Engagement for Edmonton's Ribbon of Green <i>Paul Giang</i> | Citizen Engagement, what the future may hold: learnings from Calgary Parks and the Urban Lab <i>Michelle Wong & Francisco Alaniz Uribe</i> | GoatWorks - Edmonton turns to weed-eating goats to help manage noxious weeds! <i>Joy Lakhan & Michael Glazier</i> Invasive Species Goldfish in St. Albert <i>City of St. Albert</i> | Connections and Collaborations with Health <i>Speakers TBA</i> | Wildlife Management in or near urban centres – Coyote Management in Calgary <i>Collen Cassidy St. Clair & Chris Manderson</i> |
| 10:45 – 11:00 AM | TRANSITION BREAK | | | | |
| 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER – <i>David Vela – Superintendent of Grand Teton National Park (US National Park Service)</i> | | | | |

World Urban Parks

North American Regional Congress

World Urban Parks is partnering with Alberta Recreation & Parks Association (ARPA) to provide a regional meeting for the newly formed North American Region. This will be an opportunity for North American members of World Urban Parks to meet face-to-face with Gil Penalosa, Chair of World Urban Parks, and other members!

This will be a chance for World Urban Parks members in North American to set their regional direction moving forward and contribute to the urban parks sector of not only North America but the world!

In addition to the many urban parks focused program elements built into the Parks Forum program, additional offerings that will be available to World Urban Parks Members are,

- North American Regional Round Table Discussion with Gil Penalosa, Chair of World Urban Parks
- Collaborate with other World Urban Parks members
- An Urban Parks full day pre-conference workshop

World Urban Parks members will receive ARPA member benefits, including member discounted registration prices.



Message from the President of ARPA

It is with great pleasure that ARPA invites you to attend the 2018 Parks Forum – Collaborations for Change. ARPA has been busy these past few years taking a leadership role in hosting the 2016 Canadian Parks Summit and the 2017 Canadian Parks Conference here in Alberta. These two flagship events brought together park leaders and professionals from across many sectors and across this vast country we call home.

These events also helped with the creation of the Parks for All – An Action Plan for Canada’s Parks Community which was recently considered and endorsed by the Canadian Parks & Recreation Association (CPRA) Board of Directors. The (FPT) Deputy Ministers (DM) with responsibilities for parks, protected areas, conservation, wildlife and biodiversity met and passed a motion to approve “Parks for All – An Action Plan for Canada’s Parks Community”, and its accompanying poster, on behalf of the Canadian Parks Council. We are looking forward to the opportunity to get back to our Parks Forum model and to be able to connect the Forum program to an important part of the Parks for All – Collaborate!

An area that the ARPA has invested in recently is our work with Indigenous communities and integrating content and culture into our various events. With our involvement and leadership in the Canadian Parks Summit and Conference in 2017, we have set the bar high in terms of including Indigenous content in our parks events. This continues this year with an Elder’s Circle being facilitated by Dr. Reg Crowshoe, involvement from the Indigenous Circle of Experts (ICE) with the Pathways to Target 1 work, and a strong stream of sessions with Indigenous content.

On behalf of ARPA, I would like to extend our appreciation in advance to all of our Forum speakers as well as our members, sponsors and partners for supporting this event. The Parks Forum Planning Committee has produced the very best in terms of mix and depth of topics dealing with the concept of “Collaborations for Change”.

The speakers and sessions will be highly relevant to attendees regardless of the agency or organization they represent. I invite you to participate and become fully engaged with what the Forum has to offer. We trust that the ideas and initiatives you discover at the 2018 Parks Forum will provide both strategic and practical ideas to bring back to your own communities, organizations and agencies. We hope to see you this March in Canmore!

Sincerely,

Susan Laurin
ARPA President

Pre-Forum Workshops

C5: Municipal Parks Workshop - Planning for the Future

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Lead by Paul Ronan from the Ontario Parks Association and members of ARPA's Parks and Open Space Committee

This workshop looks to build off of the momentum and content generated from a Municipal Parks Workshop that was hosted last year as a part of the 2017 Parks Conference. It will be designed to be interactive with each participant helping to shape the topics, issues and measures that matter in municipal parks operation and administration. This workshop will seek your input into framing how municipal best practices, challenges and demands will influence Parks over the next 10 years.

Paul Ronan will be bringing copies of the Ontario Parks Association Best Practices Manuals for participants and will form the base for discussions.

Just a few of the many topics that will be up for presentations and group discussions include:

- Modernized Municipal Government Act - Developer's Roles in funding Parks Landscaping and Infrastructure and Using Conservation Reserves effectively
- Trails and Pathways design, development and maintenance
- Asset Management
- Urban Biodiversity
- Technology and innovation
- Accessibility and inclusion

This workshop will be of interest to Parks and Recreation supervisors, senior managers and directors as well as landscape architects, facility operators and designers as well as asset and risk managers or anyone delivering parks services and programming.

An Elders Circle on Parks

Led by Dr. Reg Crowshoe in collaboration with Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA)

Inspired by the idea of collaboration, ARPA is working together with Dr. Reg Crowshoe (a respected Blackfoot Elder, Traditional Knowledge Keeper, and former Chief of the Piikani Nation) to bring together a group of Treaty 7 Elders, as well as urban Elders from Calgary, to discuss Indigenous concepts surrounding our parks. These discussions will be related not only to conservation but also to the cultural and the spiritual significance of the land.

Alignments will also be made in order to discuss the recent Parks for All: An Action Plan for Canada's Parks Community- a national guiding document for parks in Canada, engaging the parks community from the municipal, provincial and national levels.

The morning part of the workshop will consist of Indigenous Elders exchanging knowledge amongst themselves and ARPA. This knowledge would then be passed on to other agencies and Elders in a manner agreed upon by the Elders in attendance.

The afternoon will consist of an open circle in the afternoon inviting participants from the greater Parks Forum who might have questions for the Elders related to parks and the land. This would include an educational piece on protocol surrounding knowledge requests from Elders for those who might not have done it before. As we get closer to the Forum, ARPA will be sending out a call for interest amongst Parks Forum delegates to invite a few individuals to meet with the Elder's and pose a question or seek wisdom.



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Keynote

Gil Penalosa

Gil Penalosa is passionate about cities for all people. Gil advises decision makers and communities on how to create vibrant cities and healthy communities for everyone regardless of age, gender or social status. His focus is on the design and use of parks and streets as great public places, as well as sustainable mobility: walking, riding bicycles, using public transit, and the new use of cars.

Gil is the founder and chair of the board of the successful Canadian non-profit organization 8 80 Cities. He is also chair of the board of World Urban Parks, the international representative body for the city parks, open space and recreation sector. Gil has been a strong supporter and advocate for improving city parks, first making his mark in the late 1990s, when he led the transformation of Bogota's park system as Commissioner. Because of Gil's unique blend of pragmatism and passion, his leadership and advice is sought out by many cities and organizations. Gil has worked in over 200 different cities across six continents.

Gil also works for the renowned Danish firm Gehl Architects as a mobility and citizen engagement expert and serves as senior advisor to Children & Nature Network, StreetFilms and America Walks.

Gil holds an MBA from UCLA's Anderson School of Management, where he recently was selected as one of the "100 Most Inspirational Alumni" in the school's history. In 2013 he received the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal and was named one of the "Top 10 Most Influential Hispanics in Canada." In 2014 Gil received a Doctorate Honoris Causa from the Faculty of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning at the prominent University of Sweden SLU.

Dr. Reg Crowshoe

Respected Elder and former Chief at Piikani Nation

Reg Crowshoe is a Blackfoot Cultural and Spiritual Advisor, and is the former Chief of the Piikani Nation. Reg and his late father, Joe Crowshoe, travelled extensively around the world bringing awareness and education about Blackfoot history, traditions and spirituality. In 1997, Reg developed the Blackfoot Framework for Decision-Making and Mediation Process called Akak'stiman, and presents it widely to Corporations, Government, Aboriginal organizations and the Non-Profit sector. Akak'stiman is a Blackfoot World View on dual paradigms; Western Thinking and Blackfoot Thinking, and how these paradigms can be integrated to best serve Aboriginal people. Reg sits on many Committees and Boards in Calgary, and commits his time to other provincial and national organizations. As the Board for Calgary 2012 concluded in March 2013, he ensured the Legacy Project for Calgary 2012 was the Making of Treaty 7 Project; a project that tells the important local history of Treaty 7. Beginning in 2011, he played an instrumental role as the Cultural and Spiritual Advisory for the University of Calgary's (UofC) 2011 Solar House Decathlon project which was designed to respond to First Nations housing issues, and named the solar house Spo'pi. Spo'pi is now a permanent fixture on the UofC Campus for use in research and education. Reg provides advice to Treaty 7 Management Corporation, and leads a group of Treaty 7 Elders so that they can better be a support system to members in Treaty 7.

Steve Donelon

Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Environment and Parks

After growing up in Edmonton, Steve completed undergraduate studies in Forestry at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and Physical Education at the University of Alberta. Steve returned to school in 2002 to earn a masters' degree in Environmental Management from Royal Roads University.

Steve's government career began with Alberta Agriculture in 1979 before moving to Kananaskis Country in 1981 to take a job as a Park Ranger with Alberta Parks. Over his career Steve has been involved in variety of roles with Alberta Parks including that of Park Ranger, Resource Management Specialist, Senior Parks Ecologist and Regional Director for Kananaskis Country.

In 2011 Steve moved back to Edmonton after 30 years in Canmore (yes he may be crazy) to take on the role of Executive Director of Program Coordination for Alberta Parks and most recently, since 2015, Steve has lead Alberta Parks as the Assistant Deputy Minister.

When not at work Steve is an avid road cyclist, swimmer and camper and has recently started to try his hand at triathlon. Steve is married with four (sort of) grown children and two grandchildren. Although working and living in Edmonton, Steve and his wife continue to think of Canmore as a second home where they spend many weekends.

Canada Target 1

Biodiversity is key to supporting all life on Earth, yet the world continues to experience significant declines in biodiversity. In 2010 the international community including Canada, under the auspices of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, endorsed biodiversity conservation targets, known as the Aichi Targets, to help stem the loss of biodiversity. One of the targets (Aichi Target 11) is a commitment to protect 17% of terrestrial and inland waters and 10% of marine areas using protected areas or other effective areas based conservation measures (OECMs). Canada Target 1 reflects the intent of the Aichi Target 11 in a Canadian context. In early 2017, the Pathway to Canada Target 1 was launched as a pan-Canadian initiative to undertake biodiversity conservation efforts towards meeting Canada Target 1. This presentation will provide an overview of the Pathway process, expected outcomes, Alberta's role in the process, and a general framework for how Alberta anticipates fulfilling Canada Target 1 in the province.

David Vela

Superintendent of Grand Teton National Park (US National Park Service)

David Vela is employed by the US National Park Service as the Superintendent of Grand Teton National Park. Prior to this position he served as associate director for Workforce, Relevancy and Inclusion in the National Park Service's (NPS) Washington headquarters. He oversees NPS programs including Human Resources, Learning and Development, Equal Opportunity, Youth, and the Office of Relevancy, Diversity & Inclusion.

Before his time in Washington, Vela served four years as director of the NPS's Southeast Region, where he oversaw 66 national park sites in nine states, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

Vela began his NPS career in 1981 as a cooperative education student at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park in Texas and later became a permanent park ranger there. In 1984, he transferred to Appomattox Court House National Historical Park in Virginia to serve as supervisory park ranger. Two years later, he moved to Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia as a district ranger.

From 1987 to 1998, Vela worked in a variety of federal posts outside the NPS. He was a special agent in the Department of Health & Human Services Inspector General's office, conducting white-collar criminal investigations in New York and New Jersey. He also was special assistant for Hispanic affairs to the late U.S. Rep. George Thomas "Mickey" Leland of Texas. He was a federal investigator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. In 1996, the Texas attorney general appointed Vela director of Texas Child Support Program, where he supervised more than 70 field offices and 2,400 employees.

Vela returned to the National Park Service in 1998 as superintendent of Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site in Texas, one of eight states in the Intermountain Region. In 2002, he became Texas state coordinator for the region. After a stint as superintendent of Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park in Texas, he transferred in 2006 to George Washington Memorial Parkway in the Washington, DC area.

Vela is a graduate of Texas A&M University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in recreation and parks. He graduated from the U.S. Department of the Interior Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program in May 2006. He and his wife, Melissa, have two children, Christina and Anthony, and four grandchildren.

Breakout Sessions

A1-5 | Friday, March 16 | 9:45-10:45 AM

A1. Stoney Cultural Uses of Water

The presentation on the "Cultural Uses of Water" will touch on the history of the Stoney Nakoda and how one may understand "landscapes" differently through an Indigenous perspective. This session will explore the context of water in terms of sacred mountain places as well as look at a general cultural understanding of water to the Stoney Nakoda people.

William Snow is a member of the Stoney Nakoda Nation, Wesley First Nation, as well as a Dual Citizen of Canada / United States of America, and is of Stoney Nakoda / Yuma Quechan descent. Since 2012, Bill has been the Consultation Manager for Stoney Nakoda First Nation. This work involves the assessment of industrial resources projects within Stoney Nakoda Traditional Lands, that involve many consultations with industry, the provincial and federal governments, in the Southern Alberta.

Recently in 2016, Bill assisted in coordinating ceremonies for Stoney Nakoda Nation for the Bison Reintroduction at Banff National Park & Elk Island National Park, as well as for the proposed renaming of Tunnel Mountain. Also, Stoney Nakoda Nation completed a Traditional Knowledge Study of Grizzly Bears in the Kananaskis Provincial Park for Environment Canada. The activities have been instrumental in regional land planning with the Government of Alberta.

Bill is also an advisor to the Chiniki Lecture series at the University of Calgary, and at the University of Alberta, an advisor to the First Nation Lecture series, the Thinking Mountains Conference (2015 and 2018), and the Canadian Mountain Network. In September 2017, Bill accepted the Ted Smith Conservation Award from Yellowstone to Yukon on behalf of Stoney Consultation. Bill lives in Calgary, and works at the Stoney Indian Reserve at Morley, Alberta.

A2. The City of Red Deer Public Gardening Initiatives

Ken Lehman

This session is an overview of the public gardening initiatives that The City of Red Deer has had a hand in developing and implementing. Programs such as The City Garden Plot Program coupled with neighbourhood community gardens and community food forest and orchard partnerships has enabled many Red Deerians to learn where their food comes from and to explore what it is to grow and harvest locally. Ken will share some experiences and lessons learned from over the past decade of his time with The City of Red Deer.

One of Ken's roles as The City of Red Deer's Parks Ecological Services Operations Coordinator is to oversee urban gardening initiatives including: The City Garden Plot Program and neighbourhood community garden and food forest/orchard partnerships. Ken is passionate about gardening and excited to see what is around the next bend!

A3. Appreciation to Action: How to use environmental education as a tool in parks management

Marlis Eaton & Kirsten Pilger

Over the past decade, Calgary Parks has evolved a wide range of programs to benefit Calgarians and our urban environment. Our goal is to increase appreciation toward, knowledge of and stewardship behaviours in our natural and cultural landscapes. Learn how a preschooler learning about the native owls, a grade-schooler collecting insects, a youth leading community cleanups and a passionate historian volunteering to lead cemetery tours can lead to lifelong appreciation of parks and open spaces, a stronger knowledge of biodiversity to cultural landscapes and applied stewardship actions in their own community. By aligning with priorities in Calgary Parks' 30-year vision and other key long-term City plans, we can measure our outcomes towards a high quality of life in Calgary.

Marlis Eaton

Marlis Eaton has worked in youth education for over 15 years. At present, she is the Education Supervisor for Calgary Parks where she oversees the public and school-based environmental education programming. She loves the great outdoors and is committed to providing experiences for all to slow down, look deeply and reflect upon their natural surroundings.

Kirsten Pilger is Supervisor, Volunteers with the City of Calgary.

Kirsten Pilger has worked to support communities and volunteers of all ages over the past 10 years in Calgary. The current Volunteer Supervisor with Calgary Parks - Environmental Education, she oversees and supports a team that provides public education, volunteer programs and initiatives that include actions to support park stewardship, management and activation. She believes in the value and importance that park spaces hold in connecting people and building community.

A4. River Access Panel

Calgary River Access Strategy – Lessons in Collaboration and Going with the Flow

The City of Calgary recently adopted a River Access Strategy which is somewhat unique in that it addresses all river users from the occasional rafter, to commercial tourist operators, and those who care about river and riparian health. Development of this strategy was successful, and fun, due to the collaboration of many stakeholders. While not all cities need or want a river strategy, the collaborative process that was used to develop Calgary's recent river access strategy is one that can be used for almost any parks project. Find out how Calgary Parks managed to get everyone row, row, rowing their boat in perfect harmony.

Laura Smith has been proud to work at The City of Calgary for almost 20 years. She is currently a Business Planner in Calgary Parks which allows her to investigate new and exciting initiatives in our parks, which almost always involves collaborating with many stakeholders.

Meewasin Valley Authority – River Access Study Results

Created in 1979 by an Act of the Province of Saskatchewan, The Meewasin Valley Authority Act, is a conservation agency dedicated to conserving the cultural and natural resources of the South Saskatchewan River Valley. Doug Porteous will share the results of a recent River Access Study that was developed by the Meewasin Valley Authority for the City of Saskatoon. A focus of the study is to create a sense of space and atmosphere along the river; developments should create a people place, not simply functional infrastructure.

Doug Porteous was born and raised in Saskatoon attending the University of Saskatchewan where he participated in Huskie athletics and graduated with three degrees. Porteous taught in Saskatoon schools for 30 years, 23 as a school principal. He is currently the Interim CEO of the Meewasin Valley Authority Saskatoon, a conservation organization with statutory authority to conserve the heritage resources of the South Saskatchewan River Valley.

A5. Addressing the Questions of Tourism and Parks

Joe Pavelka PhD

Tourism in various forms has a long history with parks. This past year public discourse on the subject increased substantially. The issue inspires arguments, sometimes heated and from a variety of perspectives. This session will host a collaborative discussion on the subject of parks and tourism framed by a series of key questions such as does tourism even fit in parks? When is it clearly positive and when is it clearly negative and more. This is an excellent session for parks managers at all levels who deal with tourism or anticipate tourism within parks.

Joe Pavelka is an Associate Professor of Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership at Mount Royal University. He studies various topics pertaining to early transition tourism and destination management. Joe has worked with various parks agencies over the past decades on a number of issues. He is also an avid user of parks here and all over the world.

B1-5 | Friday, March 16 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

B1. Changing the Way YYC Plays

City of Calgary Panel

The City of Calgary is embarking on an initiative that encourages greater independent play, riskier play and a reconnection with nature. We are focused on new and creative play spaces, implementing innovative engage methods, while utilizing research and data that we have gathered to help guide us. The City has created and joined along with over 25 other organizations of a Play Sector Team to help promote and broaden the importance and participation in play. We have also just signed at Play Charter at the International Play Association Conference along with many other organizations that will help guide our work for years to come. Come here how we are making it happen!

Our group is comprised of experts in landscape architecture, environmental education, kinesiology and recreation management. We are passionate about the importance of play integrate that passion into our work and projects. We have presented at ARPA, IPA, Parks Summit, Sport For Life to both local and international audiences.

B2. Collaborations to Connect Canadians with Nature and Culture for Canada 150

Michael Nadler

The presentation would review the collaborative arrangements undertaken across Parks Canada's network of places to support the delivery of experiences connecting Canadians with nature and culture throughout 2017 as part of Canada 150 celebrations.

Michael Nadler is the Vice President for External Relations and Visitor Experience at Parks Canada. He has worked in provincial and federal government roles for the past 22 years in locations across Canada, including the Arctic.

B3. Building Momentum After Disaster: Flood Recovery with Partners and Volunteers

Julia Millen

Our story is hockey sticks, flip-flops, coconuts, and smart phones. It's sweat, tools, trails and heart. It started in 2013, when flood waters ripped through Kananaskis Country, dramatically changing the landscape from the Bow Valley to the Bow River. And our story continues because of the power of passionate, skilled and creative volunteers. This workshop celebrates creativity, capacity-building, and lessons learned. It explores how to build safe, meaningful,

collaborative, and diverse volunteer experiences into all aspects of Parks operations. You'll be challenged to think of ways you can build resiliency and create a framework to incorporate volunteers and partners into recovery from future events such as floods and fires.

Julia is the Kananaskis Region Flood Recovery Volunteer and Partner Coordinator with Alberta Parks. Her career spans the federal, provincial, municipal and non-profit sectors and combines volunteer management, park interpretation, environmental literacy, public outreach and strategic communications. Her expertise is in volunteer and youth programs.

B4. Municipally-held Conservation Easements

Guy Greenaway

Since 1996, Alberta landowners have been using conservation easements to protect the ecological and agricultural values of their land. These title-registered agreements allow the landowner to keep living on and using their property subject to certain land use restrictions, but remain in effect even after the land is sold.

Though most conservation easements are held by land trusts, municipalities have the ability to hold them, too – and increasingly they are doing so.

But what does that mean for a municipality? This session will cover the practical considerations for a municipality considering entering into conservation agreements with their ratepayers.

Guy Greenaway is a Senior Project Manager with the Miistakis Institute, where he develops and manages projects related to landscape level ecosystem analysis and management, conservation policy, and sustainable land use planning. Guy's areas of specialty include private land conservation, conservation planning, conservation communications, municipal conservation, conservation policy development, eco-fiscal analysis, and conservation tool development. In 20 years of working in ecological conservation, Guy has been Executive Director of the Southern Alberta Land Trust Society, and chaired the boards of the Alberta Ecotrust Foundation, the Alberta Land Trust Alliance, and the Small Change Fund.

B5. Writing-On-Stone Relationship Building (Co-Management)

Aaron Domes and Martin Heavy Head

For thousands of years the sacred cultural landscape of Writing-on-Stone / Áísínai'pi has been a place of spiritual power and relationships with the land. The rock art of Writing-on-Stone / Áísínai'pi connects us to the past, and continuing Indigenous traditions provide hope for the future. Come hear the story of relationship-building between Alberta Parks and the Blackfoot Confederacy.

Aaron Domes is the Head of Visitor Services for the Parks Southwest Management Area for Alberta Environment and Parks

Martin Heavy Head is with the Mookakin Cultural and Heritage Society.

C1-5 | Friday, March 16 | 1:30 - 3:00 PM

C1. Urban Forestry Session

Roots for Trees Program

Catherine Falk & Katelynne Webb

Edmonton is a green City, with the largest connected urban park in North America. Edmonton's urban forest is an important resource that provides direct and tangible environmental, ecological, economic and social benefits to the city and surrounding communities. A 10-year strategy for managing and enhancing our urban forest was developed in 2012 with a vision, "to have a diverse and sustainable urban forest that enhances the well-being and quality of life for future generations."

Learn how the Root for Trees program, an enhanced tree planting initiative volunteer program, has increased tree planting within the city through continued partnerships with corporations, individual residents, and community groups.

Catherine Falk is the Community Greening Coordinator responsible for the Root for Trees initiative and City-wide Naturalization. She has always been passionate about the environment and education. When she joined the Root for Trees program in 2013 it was a fantastic mix of both worlds!

Katelynne Webb is the Greening Program Supervisor for the Root for Trees Initiative. She manages the volunteer planting events, supervises the Program Leaders and supports event planning. Her charismatic passion for the environment and enthusiasm for programming keeps volunteers returning year after year.

The Emerald Ash Borer: Biology, Impacts, and Biological Control Program

Krista Ryall

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a devastating invasive insect pest which has caused extensive mortality to ash trees throughout its introduced range in North America. Up to 99% mortality of affected trees typically occurs within 6-10 years following infestation by the beetle. Early detection is difficult due to the cryptic nature of EAB during initial infestations; progress has been made in the development of sampling and detection tools and techniques. This includes a branch sampling technique to detect larval galleries and pheromone-baited traps to detect flying adult beetles. A classical biological control program has been initiated against this insect pest, with the introduction of three species of parasitoids known to cause high levels of mortality to the pest in its native range. Early results suggest at least one parasitoid is establishing. Long-term studies are necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the parasitoids on EAB populations.

Dr. Ryall has worked for 13 years as a research scientist with the CFS. She started her research career in the Canadian Forest Service at the Corner Brook, Newfoundland lab. Dr. Ryall transferred to the Great Lakes Forestry Centre in 2007. Most of her research focuses on sampling and ecology of bark and wood boring beetles. Dr. Ryall has a Post-doc in landscape ecology from Carleton University and obtained a PhD in Forestry from University of Toronto, studying the effects of an ice storm on predator-prey dynamics in red pine plantations across eastern Ontario. Previously she obtained an MSc in zoology from the University of Toronto, studying biology of introduced pine shoot beetle, and a BScH in biology from Queen's University. Most recently, Dr. Ryall assumed the lead on the emerald ash borer biological control project, overseeing the introduction, release and evaluation of parasitoids against the devastating emerald ash borer.

C2. Searching for interpretive excellence: What Alberta can learn from latest evidence on interpretive best practice.

Elizabeth Halpenny, Glen Hvenegaard, CJ Blye

This session will include a review of environmental education and interpretation research. These studies move us beyond the early days of experience-based interpretive planning, to the scientific documentation what has worked well to achieve after outcomes amongst park visitors such as attitude and behavior change, increased visitor satisfaction and knowledge, enhanced experience provision, and appreciation of parks. Our review will summarize best practice in delivery of interpretation programs, and discuss the role of context (e.g., location, aesthetics, park type), program characteristics (topic, type, duration), interpreter characteristics, range of programs offered at park, and so on. In addition to the use of case studies to illustrate key findings, select visitor experience and communications theories will be discussed to focus attention on key challenges. We will identify gaps in research knowledge and recommend priorities for park agencies and scholars to collaborate through collaborative research efforts.

Elizabeth Halpenny, PhD. Is an Associate Professor with the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation at the University of Alberta. Elizabeth's current research projects include: (a) the effect of mobile digital technologies on visitors' experiences; (b) the impact of World Heritage designation and other park-related brands on travel decision making; (c) individuals' attitudes towards and stewardship of natural areas; and (d) children, health and nature.

Glen Hvenegaard is Professor of Environmental Science at the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus. He teaches parks, physical geography, and environmental conservation, and conducts research on park interpretation, bird biogeography, ecotourism, and rural sustainability.

CJ Blye, University of Alberta

Clara-Jane Blye is a doctoral student in the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation at the University of Alberta. Her research focuses on environmental psychology theories and how humans connect and interact with the natural environment. Through her doctoral research Clara-Jane seeks to understand the lived experiences of new Canadians participating in environmental engagement programs.

Visitor perceptions of the outcomes of personal interpretation in Alberta's provincial parks.

Katelynn Cook, Glen Hvenegaard, and Elizabeth Halpenny

Personal interpretation seeks to enhance visitor enjoyment, improve knowledge, promote positive attitudes, and increase environmentally-friendly behaviors. However, there is little information on what factors contribute to these outcomes. This project will examine the changes in visitor enjoyment, knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors, along with the factors affecting those changes. We conducted 24 semi-structured interviews with visitors at three Provincial Parks in the late summer of 2017. Respondents indicated achievement of visitor satisfaction (key factors: entertainment and education) and knowledge gain (factor: variety of learning strategies) but were less certain about attitude changes (factor: education) and behavioral intentions (factors: education and positive experience). These results will help interpretation practitioners plan, deliver, and evaluate programs for achieving desired outcomes in an efficient and targeted manner.

Katelynn Cook is in the Environmental Science program at the Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta. Her research comes from a directed studies course and research project supervised by Professors Glen Hvenegaard and Elizabeth Halpenny, and is rooted in her passion for parks and educating people about the environment.

C3. Collaboration from the grass roots: 2 parks. 2 experiences

Jennifer Okrainec

We will be looking at how Alberta Parks in the Northeast region is nurturing partnerships between indigenous organizations and the parks community, and how we are collaborating with indigenous organizations on programming to include indigenous perspectives. Example Parks will include English Bay Provincial Recreation Area and Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park. English Bay is an example of learning from the past, and working to strengthen and build new relationships. There will be a Brief history of the original campground development, the conflict and how working with Cold lake First Nation and their elders working group enabled the start of the phase 1 campground expansion process. We will share what we have learned and how we are moving forward. Sir Winston Churchill PP is an example of how we have built partnerships enabling new unique initiatives for creating a cultural park experience. Here we worked with the Lac La Biche Native Friendship center to create a new front country cultural experience. We will discuss the partnership, the development, the outcomes and opportunities this provides to Parks and the community.

Jennifer Okrainec is the Community Relations Planner, Alberta Environment & Parks, Parks Division, out of Lac La Biche, AB. Jennifer has a BSc. in Environmental and Conservation Sciences from the University of Alberta. She has been a Parks Planner/Regional Planner for 11 years With the Government of Alberta.

C4. Protected Areas Management Effectiveness: A Key Guiding Element in Alberta's Response to Canada's Target 1

Kate Churchill & Joyce Gould

In 2017, Alberta Parks embarked on a pilot project to test a range of tools based on the Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME) framework as part of the Alberta Response to the Pathway to Canada Target 1 initiative. PAME is an internationally-recognized system for assessing how well a protected area is being managed to protect the conservation, recreation and other social and cultural values of a site. The tools and the process that evolved throughout the pilot will be discussed along with the outcomes and key learnings that will be used to guide formal implementation of a PAME program.

Kate Churchill joined Alberta Environment and Parks as a senior parks planner in 2016 after working as a municipal land use planner in the Peace River region. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from the University of Victoria and a Master of Planning degree from the University of Calgary.

Joyce Gould is the Science Coordinator with Parks Division and works on facilitating research applicable to Parks as well as applying her knowledge of conservation biology to park management. She has a BSc in Botany from the University of Alberta, an MSc in Botany from the University of Toronto and a PhD in conservation biology from the University of Alberta.

C5. Commercial Opportunities in Park Settings Panel

Dave McDonough, Henrik Janneson, Laura Smith & TBA

This panel will explore the issues, opportunities and options associated with the inclusion of commercial opportunities with parks. The panel is made up of municipal, provincial and national park members and will discuss a variety of different commercial examples from large scale operations like ski hills to smaller vendors including food services, sport equipment rentals, fitness classes and even doggie treats! While many of these opportunities are well received by the general public there are a myriad of issues including land use regulations, park accessibility and vendor supports.

D1-5 | Saturday, March 17th | 8:30 - 9:30 AM

D1. Creating Inclusive Communities through Inclusive Playgrounds

Play should be a fundamental human right, not a luxury that only some individuals get to partake in.

Playgrounds provide a myriad of benefits where the developmental needs of all children – including children living with disabilities, can be supported through intentional playground design that provides opportunities for physical, socio-emotional, sensory, cognitive, creative, reasoning and communicative play.

Common principles of inclusive play, latest research on design of both the play equipment and the landscape envelope will be discussed as well as insights on issues related to costs, alternative designs, and common errors, so participants will be able to respond to concerns, misconceptions and challenges that may be raised, while becoming more aware of the movement and need towards inclusive play. We will provide an overview of the research, best practices and understanding of how universal playground design supports inclusive play and benefits communities as a whole.

Discussions include a review of Annex H (CAN/CSA Z614-07 Annex H), and the Ontario Disabilities Act (Outdoor Play Spaces, sections 80.18-80.20).

Variety – the Children's Charity of Alberta (Variety Alberta) enables all children with special needs to be an active part of their community. Through community initiatives, partnerships and education, Variety Alberta enables inclusion, hope and independence for children who are facing physical, developmental, emotional or learning challenges.

D2. New partners and new directions for education, tourism and Indigenous collaboration

Dianne Draper & Kathy Rettie

In 2016, the Penticton Indian Band reacquired the right-of way lands on which a section of the Kettle Valley Railway (KVR) was constructed. After ceasing operations as a railway in 1964, the rail bed was converted into an accessible and popular trail that serves locals and tourists. In 2016, staff of the Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association, University of Calgary Geography field-school students and representatives of the Penticton Indian Band joined forces to research and assess the potential development of the section of the KVR Trail on the Band's land. Focus was placed on the unique education and interpretation opportunities to connect Canadians with nature through the lens of Band members. Ideally this creative cross-sector partnership will promote further collaboration with community builders, youth leaders, user groups and more.

Dianne Draper is a Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Calgary.

Kathy Rettie is an Adjunct Assoc. Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Calgary.

Life Line

Juliana Morar

Many of Alberta's small towns have seen their rise and decline linked to the arrival and consequently the demise of the railroad activity. Now, the abandoned railroad tracks are silent witnesses of the towns' glory days. Can the creation of linear parks along these abandoned track lines be a Life Line to the dying rural settlements? As biking quickly becomes one of the fastest growing recreational activity around the world, this presentation explores the benefits and challenges that a re-purposing of this fallen infrastructure could bring to the rural Alberta. Focusing on the Chestermere-Rosebud - Rosedale corridor, the Life Line suggest a modern recycling of the deserted rail tracks and its transformation into a vibrant outdoor activity corridor through the hearth of Wheatland County.

Juliana Morar is a Master of Landscape Architecture Candidate just months shy of graduating. Her research on the topic of Public Spaces in arctic isolated communities and their importance in the social infrastructure has been presented at several national and international conferences. Juliana is a practicing Landscape Designer.

D3. After Dark in the Park - Community collaboration to preserve the night sky (Panel)

Paul Wilson

The Community of Bon Accord became Canada's first Dark Sky Community in 2015. Parks have a key role to play in preserving the most pristine of night skies void of light pollution from our cities. This paper will discuss the International Dark Sky Place Program and present opportunities for the creation of Dark Sky Parks in Canada. The benefits of Dark Sky reserves will be discussed with an emphasis on Community led efforts to gain dark sky recognition. International examples from New Zealand and local examples in Canada will be used.

Paul has over 30 years of experience in the parks sector, including general management roles. Paul was a founding member of the Yardstick steering group. Paul is an accredited recreation professional (NZRA) and a certified international parks professional (World Urban Parks) with Xyst specialising in parks planning and lighting design.

D4. Environmental Supply: The Big Picture

Dr. Barbara McNicol

Environmental supply is a concept that links tourism demand to park offerings of natural features, physical attributes, management initiatives and/or governance policies that influence environmental conservation and protection of national park ecological and cultural environments. Understanding of environmental supply, from a commercial stakeholder perspective, contributes positively to park management actions regarding commercial visitor activities and behaviors in protected national

areas. Tour operators must supply quality visitor experiences while operating within a different policy environment than required by other tourism operators providing tours outside of national park boundaries. This study includes presentation of the results of a mixed methodology using one-on-one field interviews and on-line surveys targeting an illustrative sample of 94 commercial tour guiding businesses operating within Banff and Jasper national parks.

Dr. Barbara McNicol is Assistant Director of the Institute for Environmental Sustainability at MRU and facilitator of the Parks and Protected Areas Research Group. Research and teaching interests are in social environmental geography with emphasis on environmental sustainability, tourism and recreation; parks and protected areas; land use and community issues.

D5. Wildfire Management Panel

Tara McGee & Renny Grilz

This panel will explore different concepts related to wildfire management including wildfire mitigation efforts by local governments in Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alberta, and factors that influence wildfire mitigation by local governments.

Tara McGee is a Professor with the Faculty of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Alberta. Dr. McGee's research focuses on individual, community, and organizational responses to environmental hazards. She has completed numerous studies on the human dimensions of wildfire, including wildfire risk perception, evacuation, mitigation and preparedness. She is currently directing the First Nations Wildfire Evacuation Partnership, which brings together researchers, First Nations communities in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario, and government and other agencies involved in carrying out or providing support during wildfire evacuations.

Renny Grilz grew up on a mixed-farm in central Saskatchewan. He has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan majoring in Plant Ecology with a minor in Crop Science. Renny's career has spanned 25 years across the three Prairie Provinces; working for Ducks Unlimited Canada, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service, and the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards on prairie conservation, restoration and management and providing extension and outreach to ranchers, farmers and landowners. In 2015, Renny became the Resource Management Officer for the Meewasin Valley Authority in Saskatoon.

E1-5 | Saturday, March 17th | 9:45 - 10:45 AM

E1. Building Relations in Parks Planning: Indigenous Engagement for Edmonton's Ribbon of Green

Paul Giang

The North Saskatchewan River Valley is the Edmonton region's greatest natural asset and a significant contributor to the quality of life of Edmontonians. Long established as a gathering place for Indigenous Nations and then fur traders, Edmontonians continue to value the conservation and celebration of the natural and cultural heritage of the River Valley. The Ribbon of Green will develop a vision and conceptual plan for the remaining unplanned portions of the River Valley. Building on previous relations established from the City's Indigenous Relations Office and direction from Breathe: Edmonton's Green Network Strategy, the Ribbon of Green project reached out to Indigenous communities that have an interest or connection to the River Valley. This session will share experiences and lessons from the Indigenous engagement process.

Paul Giang, CIP Candidate Member, has worked as a planner for the City of Edmonton since 2012. Paul helped develop fresh: Edmonton's Food Strategy and liaised with Indigenous communities for Breathe: Edmonton's Green Network Strategy and Ribbon of Green. He is currently working to improve Downtown Edmonton's open space network.

E2. Citizen Engagement, what the future may hold: learnings from Calgary Parks and the Urban Lab

Michelle Wong & Francisco Aliniz-Uribe

As a municipal government, the work we do directly affects the communities that live, work and play in our public spaces, as such, citizen engagement play an important role in every project we deliver. The City of Calgary defines engagement to be: "Purposeful dialogue between The City and citizens and stakeholders to gather information to influence decision making."

Calgary Parks has employed innovative ways to engage diverse communities and encouraged citizen input to help shaped the outcomes of our parks. Spaces that have been designed for the people, with the people have resulted in places embraced and enjoyed by the communities they serve. This session shares the various tools, techniques and learnings from Calgary Parks on citizen engagement using case studies from past projects.

The Urban Lab is a research group focused on the development of methods and generation of new knowledge in planning, urban design and landscape architecture. Public engagement is a key factor in our research process. This component of the session will present some of the findings and new participatory methods developed over the years in our research.

Michelle Wong is a landscape architect and the Capital Lead with Calgary Parks. She has worked as a senior project manager on numerous high profile park projects involving extensive and varied public engagement, including innovative ways of reaching out to those hard to engage communities.

Francisco Alaniz Uribe is a registered architect in Mexico and a registered professional planner in Canada. Currently an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary and Co-Director of the Urban Lab at the University of Calgary, Francisco is involved in multiple research projects focused on walkability, physical activity and the built environment. He has practice architecture, planning and urban design in Mexico and Canada for the past twenty years.

E3. GoatWorks - Edmonton turns to weed-eating goats to help manage noxious weeds!

Joy Lakhan & Michael Glazier

In the summer of 2017, the City of Edmonton brought a herd of 200 weed-eating goats to manage a noxious weed infestation in a city park. Learn about the successes and challenges of this of this program including becoming a national trending topic on Twitter, Engaging over 1 Million people through social media, and managing the thousands of people stopping by to see the weed-eating goats in action!

Joy Lakhan

Joy is a Goat Program Coordinator for the City of Edmonton's Parks team. She manages the Shepherd contract and operation during the season as well as provides support to our research team.

Michael Glazier

Michael is a Public Education Coordinator for the City of Edmonton Parks team. He manages social media, education, and public relations for projects such as Urban Forestry, Tree Protection, and Parkland Management. In his free time he enjoys curling, hiking, and golf.

The effects of gold fish in storm water ponds

Present the City of St. Albert's problem with gold fish in storm water ponds and the various steps we took to arrive at our outcome to remove the gold fish.

City of St. Albert

E4. Connections and Collaborations with Health

Speakers TBA

This session will explore some of the unique collaborations that are possible between parks and health authorities at a local level.

E5. Wildlife Management in or Near Urban Areas

Colleen Cassady St. Clair & Chris Manderson

This panel session will focus on the issue of human wildlife conflict by using the urban coyote conflicts including an exploration of both the causes and the solution.

Networking Reception

Wednesday, March 14th 7:00-8:30 pm

For those planning to attend the Pre-Forum workshops or will be arriving early for the 2018 Parks Forum, there will be a networking reception planned for Wednesday evening to get together prior to the official kick-off.

Non-Profit/Government & Student Showcase

Friday, March 16th 3:00 – 5:30 PM

Join us for this social gathering to visit with fellow park practitioners, connect with some Non-profit and government organizations and meet the next generation of park employees and researchers. NGO's and governments have been invited to display their organizations, programs and innovations with Forum delegates.

Students from Alberta colleges and universities have been invited to prepare posters and mini-presentations that document innovations and trends in their fields of study.

The Student Posters are intended to encourage stronger connections between practitioners and future employees, and to facilitate practitioners' understanding of and connection to existing parks-related education programs within the province. Students will be keen to meet you and exchange ideas about park innovations and future career opportunities.

Trade Show

Thursday, March 15th 4:00 – 6:30 PM

Join us for some pre-dinner drinks and appetizers and visit the business sponsors and partners of the 2018 Parks Forum.

Registration and Accommodations

The 2018 Parks Forum will take place at the Coast Canmore Hotel and Conference Centre. You can book online or by phone 1-800-716-6199 and quote the group code CCM-GFC2990 or Alberta Recreation & Parks Association.

| Room Type | Single/Double Occupancy* |
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| Comfort Room | \$124.00 |
| Superior King | \$134.00 |

*Rates do not include Tourism Levy (4%), or GST (5%). Additional persons per room may incur additional charges.

Forum Registration Fees

Prices include all education sessions, socials, and scheduled meals. Pre-Forum sessions are not included in these fees.

| Delegate Fees | ARPA Members | Non-Members | Student |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| Early Bird Rate (before March 1) | \$495 | \$595 | \$230 |
| Regular Rate (March 1 - 11) | \$595 | \$695 | \$230 |
| On-Site Rate (March 12-17) | \$695 | \$795 | \$230 |
| Thursday Only | \$250 | \$300 | \$150 |
| Friday Only | \$250 | \$300 | \$150 |
| Saturday Only | \$150 | \$200 | \$100 |

Fees do not include GST

Pre-Forum Workshop Fees

| Delegate Fees | ARPA Members | Non-Members | Student |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| Full Day Workshop | \$99 | \$129 | \$49 |

Fees do not include GST

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