



Questionnaire Instructions

The questionnaire below includes some of the most asked questions for Worldcons and bids. Please email the completed answers to kathy.bond@lacon.org by **Tuesday, August 18, 2026**. The completed questionnaires will be posted on the LAcon V website as they arrive as the team is able. If we are unable to post your response on the website prior to the convention, we will have limited paper copies available in the question and answer session.

Please answer all the questions *in line* below to help us with formatting responses. If a question doesn't apply to your bid, please indicate with N/A.

There are four sections to the questionnaire. If the answer won't be known until some future date, please provide an estimate of when you will be able to provide an answer.

QUESTIONNAIRE

General

Name of Bid
Edmonton In 2030

What dates are you bidding for?

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 also numerous, current, local SFF authors, including Indigenous authors, and we plan to highlight this.

Travel

What is travel like to your proposed host city? Is your city accessible by plane? Train? Bus? Will people likely have to make connections to reach your city?

The Edmonton International Airport has direct flights to and from more than a dozen cities in the United States, as well as direct flights to and from the Netherlands, Mexico, Germany, Costa Rica, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba, with more being added all the time. Connections are also available through Toronto, Vancouver, or Calgary with the latter being a 3 hour drive or 40 minute connecting flight away from Edmonton.

What is travel like from where visitors are likely to arrive to your proposed convention site?

From the airport, taxis and Ubers are around \$75 CAD including tip and tax and take about 30 minutes, transit is \$8 CAD and takes about an hour.

In general, what is public transit like in your city? What is it like getting around town?

Edmonton has an excellent transit system for a city of its size (1.5 million projected population in 2030). Light rail transit services the core area with extensions reaching the suburbs and connections to bus routes throughout the city. There are additional light rail extensions under construction that should be in operation before 2030.

What is the visa process for citizens of foreign countries to attend your convention?

This varies by country of origin but is generally inline with other Western countries excluding the United States. People holding a US passport do not usually require any additional documentation or VISA. More information is available on the Government of Canada website:

<https://travel.gc.ca/returning/entry-requirements>

What are the laws regarding smoking in your proposed host city?

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.

Facilities

What is your proposed venue for the convention?

Edmonton Convention Centre: <https://www.edmontonconventioncentre.com/>

If your venue is not a hotel, what hotel(s) are being used for the convention? How close are they to your venue?

Main hotels are within one-four blocks away and easy to walk to, and will likely include two Marriotts. There are more than 2000 hotel rooms within walking distance of the Convention Centre (see [their website](#) for more information).

How many types of rooms will you have? How many have accessibility features, and what type of features?

We have not begun negotiating with the hotels but all have accessibility features common in 3+ star hotels in North America (e.g., step-free showers, wheelchair-friendly layouts, etc.).

What are your proposed room rates? What is included in these rates? What are the additional taxes and fees?

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

- The Westin Edmonton (\$192 / Night)
- Courtyard Marriott Edmonton Downtown (\$135 / Night)
- JW Marriott Edmonton ICE District (\$240 / Night)
- Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel (\$110 / Night)
- DoubleTree by Hilton Edmonton Downtown (\$215 / Night)

Where will your large events (i.e. Hugo Ceremony) be held?

Either the Edmonton Convention Centre or the Winspear Centre (a world class concert hall three blocks away from the Convention Centre).

Please describe food options near your proposed venue. How walkable is the area around your proposed venue for getting to food options?

The Convention Centre has a canteen and experience with bringing in food trucks and setting up food tents for large events (e.g., Animethon). There are also small fast food restaurants across the street from the Convention Centre and within four blocks there is a mix of traditional restaurants as well as a food court in a shopping centre and a grocery store.

What is the culture around tipping in your proposed host city?

Like all Canadian cities, tipping is appreciated and often expected but not required. Wait staff in restaurants usually expect between 10-20% in tips and between \$3-5 per trip is typical for Uber and taxi drivers.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space?

This has not yet been set but we expect parties to be held in main hotels, which are within a block or two of the Convention.

Miscellaneous

What type of weather can people expect during your proposed 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.

If you have inclement weather/environmental issues (i.e. wildfire smoke, heat waves), do you have a mitigation plan in mind?

A plan has not been drafted but will be if we are successful with the bid. Note that the Convention Centre is climate controlled and, in the event of extreme wildfire smoke, masks and air quality monitoring updates will be provided, at a minimum.

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

Festivals are a main attraction and there are some, including Animethon, happening in a central square a few blocks from or at 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.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts?

Yes, we are working these out with the aim to support marginalized communities and first time members.

How do you plan to recruit staff?

We have a volunteer form on the website and have been holding local events to start recruiting people. We are actively working with organizations in Alberta to build a volunteer base locally (e.g., bookstores, author/genre conventions, etc.).

Do any of the local, regional, or national governments in your country have restrictions/laws which would impact Worldcon attendees and especially anyone from marginalized groups?

While we are unaware of laws that would impact Worldcon attendees from marginalized groups, structural racism is a reality in all countries that have a

legacy of colonialism, including Canada. We are particularly concerned to support members of Indigenous communities and we respect the 91 calls to action of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Are there any unwritten/unspoken but commonly known biases against members of marginalized communities? Do you have plans for mitigating these biases or addressing them?

Edmonton prides itself on being a welcoming, inclusive city with “[Rainbow Registration](#).” That being said, fostering an inclusive community is an ongoing process and ensuring a convention is inclusive takes effort and dedication. We have begun conversations with members of equity-deserving groups and fans from marginalized communities.

Edmonton is home to a large, diverse, and vibrant Indigenous community, who have historically been marginalized economically and socially. As a bid, we have formed an Indigenous Advisory Committee who are actively helping ensure that our preliminary work is based on respect. The use of Cree syllabics in our bid name and logo is an effort to normalize the use of Indigenous languages. We are in planning stages to ensure opportunities for local Indigenous artists in our art show, and to platform Indigenous writers in our program, if the bid is successful.