



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 Convention

Montréal 2027 Worldcon

What dates are your convention?

2 to 6 September, 2027

What is the sponsoring organization for your bid? Is this organization a non-profit?

What is your website and other social media presence?

Cansmof is the sponsoring organization, and it is a Canadian non-for-profit organization.

The website is: <https://montreal2027.ca/fr> for French, and <https://montreal2027.ca/en> for English

Our social media is: <https://www.facebook.com/MontrealWorldCon27> for Facebook, <https://bsky.app/profile/montrealworldcon27.bsky.social> for Bluesky <https://mastodon.social/@montreal27worldcon> for Mastodon <https://www.youtube.com/@MontrealIn2027> for Youtube

How should people contact you for additional information or questions?

Email: info@montreal2027.ca

Who is your convention chair and who is on your committee? What kind of experience do they have in event running, convention planning, or Worldcons?

A great majority of the Committee has extensive Worldcon experience. Several are past Worldcon chairs. We're also wanting to encourage people to try new things, and bring on new people to help out.

Chair, Bruce Farr with

Maree Pavletich-Chief of Staff,

Jill Eastlake-Chair's Admin, and

Marina Wakaruk and Olav Rockne, Special Projects

Communications, Angela Jones-Fietz DH, Christian Maltais DDH

Convention Services, Carolina Gomez Lagerlof DH, Britt-Louise Viklund and Ann

Olsson Rousset DDH

Events, Patty Wells & Randy Shepherd, DH, Liana Olear DDH

Exhibits, Diane Lacey DH, Rene Walling, DDH

Facilities, Sean McCoy DH

Finance, Alexia Hebel DH, Joann Lawler and Sam Scheiner, DDH

Member Services, Joni Brill Dashoff and Catelyn Cunningham, DH, Saul Jaffe, DDH

Programme, Carl Fink DH, Gary Feldbaum, DDH

Technology and Production, Carl "z!" Zwanzig DH

Virtual Operations, Vacant

WSFS, Todd Dashoff DH, Linda Deneroff, DDH

If known, who is the chair of the convention? What experience do they have in a leadership role?

Bruce Farr is the chair of the convention. He was born and raised in Canada and remains proudly polite to this day. He has chaired two SmofCons, and chaired or co-chaired four World Fantasy Conventions, several Phoenix local conventions, a Phoenix Westercon, Phoenix 1987 NASFiC, Contact Convention, and is on five non-profit boards. He's also headed up or been DDH for many divisions for Worldcon, including Facilities, Finance, Programme, and Exhibits.

Do you have a code of conduct? Where is it available?

Yes. On the website at: <https://montreal2027.ca/en/code-conduct-and-policies>

Will you have a policy regarding the use of AI?

Yes, it is currently being developed and planned for publication later in 2026.

Will you be planning for a virtual component of your convention?

Details planned for release later in 2026

What is your vision or mission statement for your convention or bid?

Canadian content! What Canadian authors, scientists, fans, and others have brought to speculative fiction and other areas of our genre interest.

Enhance and expand the legacy of Worldcon! Reach out to expand our community and to find ways to assist future Worldcons.

Fun! Montréal is one of the world's great and fun cities. We'll help everyone to love our town.

What is a part of your local fan culture and how do you plan to incorporate it into your Worldcon?

Our fan culture is defined by recognizing and interacting among French/francophone and English/anglophone Canadian fandom. We have reached

out and are continuing to contact and recruit fan groups throughout Canada to participate in Montréal 2027 Worldcon. This supports our tenet of “Canadian Content”.

Travel

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

Montréal is accessible by plane, train, bus, etc. quite readily. Our major airport, Montréal Trudeau Airport, is about 19 kilometers or 12 miles from downtown. Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport is the headquarters of Air Canada and Air Transat and serves the largest percentage (63%) of international flights in Canada. We anticipate that flight connections will be easily available.

Public transport — The 747 express bus is CA\$11.25 Canadian for a 24-hour pass.

Travel time — By bus, the journey can take between 45 to 60 minutes.

Car rentals — Available at the airport, starting around CA\$50 Canadian per day

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

The convention site, the Palais de Congrès, is in downtown Montréal. There is a subway stop actually within the Palais. Regular bus service stops around the Palais. Driving to the Palais, there is a large amount of parking available for CA\$30 Canadian per night. Taxi and ride share are available from the Montréal Trudeau airport, and there is a “747 bus” to downtown Montréal from the airport.

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

The subway system is extensive with 68 stops. Bus or subway fares include one transfer to or from the metro. Bus fare includes free transfers from one route to another with a time limit of 90 minutes for each transfer.

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

Travel from the US requires only a valid US Passport. Many European countries need just an electronic travel authorization, which can be completed online.

Requirements vary by country, and it’s recommended to check in advance for your own country’s requirements.

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

The law in Quebec is strict regarding cigarettes and smoking, including tobacco, electronic cigarettes and cannabis. Smoking is not allowed in public places, including the entirety of the PdC Convention Center and any outdoor location within 9m of a public entrance. Some hotels offer rooms where smoking is permitted.

Facilities

What is your proposed venue for the convention?

Our facility is the Palais des Congrès (PdC) Convention Center, which also hosted Anticipation, the 2009 Worldcon. We've reserved 50,000 sq. ft. of space in the exhibit hall. There are 113 rooms (depending on needed configurations) available for programming, administration, and other activities. The building is BOMA BEST carbon-neutral certified.

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

Our Headquarters Hotel is the Montréal Westin. It will host parties and 24-hour activities. We also have sleeping rooms at the Doubletree Hilton, Travelodge, Holiday Inn, Monville, and Embassy Suites. The Doubletree is 3 blocks away and the other hotels are next to the Palais or a block away.

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

We have a mix of kings, queens, and suites, depending on the hotel. All hotels have accessible rooms, but the Monville (next to the Palais) has the greatest concentration of accessible rooms with about 30. We're working on a guide to identify the types and locations of accessible rooms to meet the various requirements. This will be available online by the time we open up the room block for booking, and will be emailed to people indicating access needs.

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

Negotiated prices range from CA\$229 to CA\$350 (US\$168 to US\$257) per night, Current hotel taxes in Montréal are 18.5% including occupancy, GST, PST, etc. The

exchange rate will vary over time (73.5% of US \$ rate 8 August, 2026 and recent year averaging .75% of US \$) .

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

Main events will be at the Palais des Congrès (PdC) Convention Center, the same facility as programming and exhibits. The main stage area, where we plan to host Hugo Awards, the Masquerade, and other major events, has a standard capacity of 2,200 persons, with a second stage available with a capacity of 900 persons.

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

The convention center is adjacent to many restaurants (it's also adjacent to the city's Chinatown, with its own range of dining options), from fast-food noodles to Michelin-starred French cuisine. See <https://montreal.eater.com/maps/best-restaurants-palais-des-congres-montreal-convention-centre> for one of many guides to restaurants in the neighborhood. It's easy walking distance to a large number of restaurants. The Palais itself has a Tim Horton's, Burger King, and several other restaurants on its main floor.

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

Tipping is standard practice in Montréal. Normal tips are 10% for taxis and 15% for restaurants.

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

There are multiple gathering spaces throughout the PdC convention center, and we plan to create a socialization center as part of exhibits. We're working with both the convention center and hotels to provide options for food and alcohol. The Westin Hotel, beside the Palais, will host evening parties and some evening and 24 hour activities.

Miscellaneous

What type of weather can people expect during your proposed dates?

Typical weather in early September features high temperatures in the low 20s C (low 70s F) and low temperatures in the low teens C (mid 50s F). Light precipitation is, on average, about one day of three. While Montréal is known for intense winter weather, the first snowfall is usually in late October or November, well after the planned dates of Worldcon.

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

We have potential disaster planning as part of our overall convention planning. [RAMS Risk Assessment Management System forms] We will provide masking if needed for smoke, and in case of heat, the Palais is adjacent or very close to all blocked hotels. Air conditioning is standard for all facilities, as is air filtration.

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

The convention centre is at the edge of Montréal's Quartier des Spectacles downtown entertainment district with over 80 cultural venues and 8 public spaces offering many activities. Come dusk, the Quartier shines thanks to the Luminous Pathway, a lighting plan that illuminates the area's cultural assets with a red carpet of glowing dots, showing patrons the way as it shows off the city's creativity. Montréal's small historic Chinatown is very close to the convention center with many interesting shops and eateries.

Close by is Old Montréal, with over 400 years of architecture and culture, including the stately grace of the Notre-Dame Basilica and the Bonsecours Market's glistening dome alongside cutting-edge design shops, forward-thinking restaurants, riverside pathways, children's' playgrounds, and the Grande Roue de Montréal ferris wheel.

Montréal is also the global hub of the circus arts, with Cirque du Soleil, the National Circus School, and the En Piste circus arts national network offering daily performances, classes, and workshops.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts?

Yes. We have reduced First Worldcon, Young Adult (18-30) and Staff rates. We also have programs being designed for Staff Scholarships, as well as Community Funds.

How do you plan to recruit staff?

We have approached fan groups in Canada, the US, and internationally to help recruit. We have DH's and DDH's and Chair level staff from the US, Canada, Europe, and New Zealand. We will shortly have a "Help Wanted" section on the website, and will also list open positions.

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?

The only issue we've identified is that official signage for governments is usually in French only, in the Province of Quebec. However, usually there are the standard international symbols displayed that alleviate a lot of the issue.

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?

The short answer is "no" about commonly known biases. However...

We also plan to work with leadership of recent Worldcons to incorporate lessons learned and create effective plans and policies to help us produce a safe, inclusive, non-discriminatory, and accessible Worldcon.

Our core values drive our efforts:

- **We believe in treating ourselves, each other, and our diverse community with respect. This includes asking questions to better understand why things are being done as they are prior to problem-solving, understanding that other people have their own goals that will intersect with ours, and working to facilitate this when possible and being inclusive in a practical manner. We also strive for courtesy and compassion in our behaviors where applicable.**
- **We believe in accepting all diverse geek communities.**
- **We believe in providing a culture of enjoyment of our shared genre interest. We'd like you to have fun in your fandom!**
- **We believe our community service is delivered with a willingness to listen, a problem-solving attitude, and the ability to stay within our remit of hosting a Worldcon.**
- **We believe in being open-minded and sparing of judgment.**
- **We believe in taking risks, learning from our experiences, and responding to communications in a timely fashion.**

- **We believe in being patient and honest.**
- **We believe in encouraging some innovations while staying within WSFS bylaws.**
- **We believe our actions should inspire volunteerism, confidence, and creativity.**