



Call for Annual Conference Presentations

September 15 – 18, 2019 in Penticton, BC

2019 Theme: It Starts Here!

Public Works Association of BC represents individuals working for municipalities, utility companies and engineering consulting firms, in BC and Yukon. They represent approximately 350 members who all share the same dedication to improving the quality of life for citizens.

British Columbia Municipal Safety Association represents individuals working for municipalities, and together they help employers improve the health and safety of workers in the local government sector, and to ultimately help reduce costs through fewer injuries and lower assessment rates.

So, what about the conference!

Our conference is a three-day event of presentations, and lectures typically featuring over 70 presenters from across North America, attended by 300 – 400 persons.....oh and we have a fantastic tradeshow with over 100 exhibitors.

We have designed our conference into four streams; Public Works, Safety, Utilities and Leadership. Our goal is to provide delegates a diverse range of topics to optimize their learning experience and with your help we can ensure delegates have the best conference experience. We strongly believe both associations can achieve this by providing delegates with information on the latest ideas, best practices, innovation, and inspirational presentations.

High quality proposals are invited that fall into any of the following streams:

Conference Streams

1. Public Works

- Active Transportation
- Asset Management
- Construction Management
- Emergency Management
- Fleet Management
- Parks, Ground & Cemetery Roads
- Streets & Bridges
- Traffic Engineering
- Snow & Ice
- Solid Waste
- Technology & Innovation



2. Safety

- Mental/ Psychological Health
- Ergonomics
- Fatigue Management
- Managing Risk
- Injury/ Disability Management
- Emergency Preparedness
- Safety Strategic Planning
- Confined Space
- Safety Culture
- Effective Safety Committee
- Inspections
- Investigations
- Injury Prevention
- Safety Leadership
- Excavation Safety
- Impairment

3. Utilities

- Climate Change
- Environmental/Sustainability
- Regulation/Compliance
- Stormwater/Flood Control
- Water & Wastewater
- Impairment

4. Leadership/Management

- Career & Personal Development
- Legislation & Regulation
- Legal issues/Managing liability
- Respectful workplace
- Succession planning

This list is not exhaustive and we welcome submissions covering additional relevant topics.

Timelines	
February 11	Invitation opens for submissions. Please make your submission online.
March 11	Deadline for submission of application including: title & description, presenter's names, title, organization, headshot and short bio.
April 2 - 5	Response to submissions and timeslot assignment. Template for presentation will be provided i.e. title and closing slides with conference branding.
April 22 - 26	Review of presentation title, descriptions and presenters.
April 30	Conference presentation schedule to be posted on website.
September 9	Submission of final presentation.
September 16 - 17	Delivery of presentation at conference.



Presentations are invited from members and non-members. Presentations from consultants are vendors are encouraged where there is a partnership with a municipality to highlight: What was the reason for the project or service? Specifically, please address:

- What was the problem or desired benefit?
- How was it resolved?
- What are the lessons learned? i.e. apply the GROW Model

Presenters are asked to identify what techniques they will utilize to actively engage the delegates and promote discussion, questions and sharing of information.

Presentations range from 45 to 90 minutes in length for sessions on Public Works, Utilities. Safety and Leadership presentations range from 60 to 75 minutes in length.

Please note that making a submission does not guarantee a presentation slot and we are not able to give feedback on individual submissions.

Submit presentation online at: events.epl.com/2019CallforPresentations

How Are Presentations Selected?

All submissions are reviewed and evaluated by the Program Review Committee based on the following criteria:

- **Practical application** – Information can be used in day-to-day work settings, lessons-learned, how-to-do-it strategies.
- **Leading-edge** – Addresses emerging trends and technologies, innovative concepts and approaches, solutions that provide improvements to the provision of public works services and/or advancement of safety.
- **Relevance and clarity** – Content is interesting and useful to a significant number of expected attendees. Learning objectives are clearly stated using active verbs that indicate how the participants will benefit from the information presented.
- **Balance** – The Program Review Committee will also review for balance to ensure that all streams have a variety of relevant presentations and that any one topic area is not overrepresented, and that any one speaker or organization is not disproportionately represented among the final selections.
- **No sales-pitches please!** Direct promotion of a speaker's/company's products, services, or monetary self-interest are not appropriate for education sessions. The public works audience appreciates learning about technologies, services, concepts, and new approaches; but are sensitive to the sales promotion approach.



Speaker registration and travel expenses

Speakers at the conference are also considered attendees and are expected to pay their own travel expenses and the appropriate registration fee. If you plan to attend only on the day of your presentation, you may qualify for a complimentary single day registration. However, if you plan to attend the entire event or an additional day beyond your presentation day, you must register and pay the applicable registration fees.

Questions?

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