



February 28, 2022
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Letter of Intent - World Science Fiction Society: 15th North American Science Fiction Convention

Dear Mr. Buff,

Cansmof is pleased to present this letter of intent: along with Tourism Winnipeg, to host the 15th North American Science Fiction Convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada in 2023.
(Heretofore referred to as "NASFiC 2023".j

Details of the bid

Proposed date: July 20-23, 2023

Proposed site: Delta Hotels Winnipeg & RBCConference Centre Winnipeg

Proposed Headquarter Hotel: Delta Hotels Winnipeg

Cansmof is a Canadian federally registered not-for-profit corporation focused on encouraging and running fannish events and organisations in Canada.

Winnipeg has a long fannish history. 28 years ago, Winnipeg had the honour of hosting the 52nd WorldCon, ConAdian, in 1994 at the same hotel & convention centre as our current bid site.

We have a strong regional fandom. Keycon, the local general sf/f convention, will celebrate the 39th edition of our annual convention, in May, 2022. Keycon draws not only from our city but across the region and adjoining provinces.

We also have Game-itoba, Wild Prairie Furcon, Ai-Kon (anime), Winnipeg Comiccon and other regional events throughout the year.

Located in the geographic centre of North America, Winnipeg is uniquely qualified to host NASFiC 2023 for a number of reasons:

The proposed headquarter hotel, the Delta, is conveniently attached to the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg. Many other hotel properties are accessible within easy walking distance.

The RBC Conference Centre Winnipeg (formerly known as the Winnipeg Convention Centre in 1994) completed an expansion in March 2016, which makes it the 4th-largest convention centre in Canada at 264,000 sq. ft. The expansion includes the new City View Room, offering floor-to-ceiling windows and a beautiful view of downtown Winnipeg.

Millions of dollars in capital hotel renovations have recently been completed to guest rooms, lobbies, meeting spaces, and ballrooms in conference hotels. The Winnipeg International Airport has recently completed a new departures and arrivals building.

Winnipeg has a range of unique off-site venues to interest fans of all interests. Watch while polar bears and seals swim overhead at Assiniboine Park's new polar bear exhibit, Journey to Churchill; discover the world's largest collection of contemporary Inuit art at Winnipeg Art Gallery's brand-new Qaumajuq; or experience the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the only museum in the world dedicated to human rights education and awareness.

Other places of interest, include the Canadian Mint, The Forks cultural and shopping area, and Symington Yard, Canada's largest classification railyard. The new Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada is scheduled to open in May of 2022. Housing over 90 aircraft, its collection includes a replica of the VZ-9 Avrocar

Winnipeg has a strong record of hosting very successful national and international events. Our history of dedicated supporters, volunteers and excellent facilities make Winnipeg an ideal choice to host NASFiC 2023.

We thank you for your consideration and eagerly anticipate bidding on NASFiC 2023, and, should we win, hosting NASFiC 2023 in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,

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Linda Ross-Mansfield and Robbie Bourget
Co-Chairs, Winnipeg in 2023

Attached: Letters of interest from our facilities
Cansmof bylaws