



Go West: Does your municipality want to host the next CUFC in 2018?

(Ottawa, ON – May 3, 2016) Tree Canada, Canada's national tree organization is seeking proposals by Western municipalities (Manitoba westward) to host the prestigious 13th Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) in 2018.

The Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) is a national, bilingual conference that brings together approximately 350 foresters, urban planners, policy makers and municipal experts to develop new strategies and to promote techniques to preserve and manage urban forests in Canada. With over 80% of Canadians living in cities, trees play a significant role in providing environmental and psychological benefits to all. The conference is also an ideal opportunity for municipalities to profile the urban forests in their communities.

For applications to be evaluated, municipalities should submit a proposal demonstrating:

- Urban forest program history and commitment
- Suggested themes for the conference and an outline identifying milestones and timelines
- Highlights for a preliminary budget (if possible)
- Potential collaborators
- Accessibility to airports and other transportation
- Venue choice and willingness to sign a hotel agreement
- Willingness to Co-Chair the Organizing Committee with Tree Canada
- Proof of backing of Council and staff (i.e. letter of support)
- Strong community involvement and field tour suggestions
- Willingness to allow 50% of the profits to go towards a local legacy project, and 50% of the profits to be returned to Tree Canada

Tree Canada, the host organization of the conference will provide:

- Guidance and active participation on the Organizing Committee
- Registration of the conference web domain name
- Use of Tree Canada and CUFC logos
- Communications and promotion with press releases and notices
- Leadership in the Awards presentation (the "Gala") and in the Canadian Urban Forest Strategy workshop which must be incorporated into the Program content of the Conference

Proposals will be accepted until August 1st, 2016. Proposals should be a maximum of five pages. An organizational manual is available upon request. The winner will be announced at the upcoming CUFC 2016 in Laval, QC, on **September 28, 2016.**

Please send all proposals to info@treecanada.ca.

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