



April 23, 2021

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Letter of Intent – World Science Fiction Society: 81st World Science Fiction Convention

Dear Mr. Szczesuil,

Cansmof is pleased to present this letter of intent, along with Tourism Winnipeg, to host the 81st World Science Fiction Convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada in 2023. (Heretofore referred to as “Worldcon 2023”.)

Details of the bid

Proposed date: August 24-28, 2023

Proposed site: RBC Conference 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. 27 years ago, Winnipeg had the honour of hosting the 52nd WorldCon, ConAdian, in 1994 at the same convention centre as our current bid site.

We have a strong regional fandom. This year’s Keycon, the local convention will be the 39th edition of our annual convention.

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

- 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 throughout Winnipeg. 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.



- 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 and Symington Yard, Canada's largest classification railyard.

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 Worldcon 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Terry Fong
Chair, Winnipeg in 2023
chair@winnipegin2023.ca

Attached: Details of the bid
Bylaws of Cansmof



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Organisation of the Bid

Chair: Terry Fong

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We operate as a subcommittee under Cansmof. Our bylaws are attached.

Should we win, the Chair will be Terry Fong.