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From the Co-Chair

As we get closer to the actual start date of the convention, there are so many things going on. Volunteers to be assigned, where possible. Ribbons to order. Supplies to get. Airfares for Guests. And so on.

That said, Linda and I want to say that we are looking forward to seeing all of you at Pemmi-Con so we can show you Winnipeg, Canadian fandom, and our Indigenous culture here in the True North Strong and Free!

Robbie Bourget, Co-Chair

Onsite Registration

Location:

Ballroom Coat Check, 2nd floor, Delta Hotels Winnipeg

Badge pick up (Pre-Registered members only)

Wednesday 19 July 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

New Sales and Pre-Registered members badge pick up

Thurs. 20 July – Sat. 22 July 9:00am to 7:00pm

Sunday 23 July 9:00am to 2:00pm

Day memberships will be available (price TBD).

At Registration, all members:

- ▶ must show identification and proof of their Covid vaccination (details: https://main.pemmi-con.ca/policies/covid_policy/).
- ▶ will be asked if they wish to have a copy of the Souvenir Book, to be printed and mailed post-con. (See [Souvenir Book, p.10](#))

Elayne Pelz, Onsite Registration

Hybrid Programme

Pemmi-Con is pleased to announce we will have a hybrid programme. Our goal is to bring all our members, those physically in Winnipeg and those participating online, into a shared experience of our programme, with opportunities for interaction for everyone. In Winnipeg, we plan to set up at least half of the programme spaces with Zoom capabilities for both streaming and participation. Look for an announcement of brief orientation sessions a bit closer to the convention.

Virtual members will have access to the hybrid programme online. Attending members will also have access. **Virtual memberships are available now** at <https://reg.pemmi-con.ca>.

“Break The Ice” Dinner!

Will **you** be in Winnipeg on the evening of Wednesday, July 19th, 2023? Join your fellow Pemmi-Con attendees at the “Break the Ice” dinner, happening from 7:00pm–9:00pm CDT! We’re congregating at The Old Spaghetti Factory in the Forks (a 5-minute drive or 20-minute walk from the Delta Hotels Winnipeg), and the fixed cost for the dinner is CA\$26.25 (gratuity and tip included).

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/weds-dinner> to see the menu and reserve your seat(s)!

Laurie E. Smith

Exhibits Update

Exhibits is delighted to announce that Art Show, Dealers Room, Static Exhibits and Fan Tables are all staffed and accepting applications. More information – including a first list of confirmed dealers – is available under the Exhibits tab on our website, including contact information for each area. A section on Static Exhibits is coming; stay tuned!

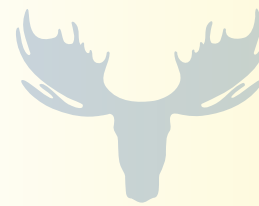
We look forward to offering our members plenty of things to see and do (including shopping) in Hall D during Pemmi-Con. Please email exhibits@pemmi-con.ca if you have any general questions.

Angela Jones, Exhibits Division Head

Final Progress Report

You are reading **Progress Report 2**, the last formal PR before we see you in Winnipeg. Milestones passed. Miles to go. Please check [our website](#) for updates, keeping an eye on the “Recent News” sidebar that appears on every page. The Site Selection ballot, a preliminary programme schedule, hybrid programme FAQs, artist and dealer lists, and more will be updated there as the Pemmi-Con committee keeps paddling. And then it will be 20 July and newsbringing will be handed over (for a while) to daily newsletter staff.

Murray Moore, Communications Division Head



At Pemmi-Con, we acknowledge we are gathered on Treaty 1 Territory and that Manitoba is located on the Treaty Territories and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg, Anishinewuk, Dakota Oyate, Denesuline and Nehethowuk Nations.

We acknowledge Manitoba is located on the Homeland of the Red River Métis.

We acknowledge northern Manitoba includes lands that were and are the ancestral lands of the Inuit.

We respect the spirit and intent of Treaties and Treaty Making and remain committed to working in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in the spirit of truth, reconciliation and collaboration.



Special thanks for their sponsorship:





Travelling to Winnipeg

Winnipeg is centrally located in North America, and has always been an important junction and meeting point.

Travelling to Canada

If you are travelling to Canada from the United States, you just need a valid passport. From other countries, you may need a visa or Electronic Travel Authorization. Please see the Government's [Visit Canada](#) page for details.

Some people aren't allowed to come to Canada; notably, this includes people convicted of driving while impaired. Please see the Government's [Inadmissibility](#) page for details. In some cases it may be possible to get a permit to enter Canada temporarily, or to clear your record.

Canada does not pay for hospital or medical services for visitors. Please make sure you have travel insurance that covers healthcare costs.

Travel by Air

Winnipeg Richardson International Airport (YWG) has passenger service to 28 airports, including all major Canadian cities.

If you are travelling from the US, there is direct service from Los Angeles (LAX), Las Vegas (LAS), and Minneapolis (MSP). However, the number of direct flights are limited. Minneapolis has two flights daily on an Airbus A319. You may find it easier to go via Canadian cities such as Toronto (YYZ), Calgary (YYC) or Vancouver (YVR).

The major airlines serving Winnipeg are Air Canada, Delta, and WestJet. They have extensive partnership agreements with other airlines. If you have a different preferred airline, you may be able to book a codeshare flight, or use your frequent flyer number when booking on an airline that connects to Winnipeg.

Visit Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada.html>

Inadmissibility

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/inadmissibility.html>

Winnipeg Richardson International Airport

<https://www.waa.ca/en/passengers/at-ywg/>

Winnipeg Transit

<https://info.winnipegtransit.com/>

peggo cards

<https://info.winnipegtransit.com/en/fares/say-hello-to-peggo/about-peggo/>

Tourism Winnipeg – Travel Info

<https://www.tourismwinnipeg.com/plan-your-trip/travel-information>

International Travellers: Currency Exchange in Winnipeg

Richardson International: An International Currency Exchange (ICE) counter, open 5am–7pm, is located on Level 1 near the airport exit. Plan ahead and order Canadian dollars in advance using the Click & Collect service. According to ICE, this is how you get their best exchange rates. The concession fee is CA\$9.95. ATM / cash machines are located at multiple locations throughout, not always guarded by a polar bear, and at least some of these are ICE ATMs. In late April, the fee for an international withdrawal was CA\$3.50. Convenient, but not a deal. <https://clickcollect.ice-canada.ca/en/>

Delta Hotel/Convention Centre area: There are several credit unions and banks with ATMs in the Pemmi-Con area. That said, the credit union ATM closest to the Delta also charged a CA\$3.50 fee for a withdrawal from a U.S. credit union. It's worth checking to see if your bank has an arrangement with a Canadian bank (RBC, HSBC, Scotiabank, etc.) to waive such fees.

Local Airport Transportation

Winnipeg International Airport is 10 km from the RBC Convention Centre. A taxi ride takes about 20 minutes and costs around CA\$25.

Also, Winnipeg Transit has accessible buses providing service to the airport. Route 15 takes about 20 minutes to get downtown; it has a stop 1 block from the Holiday Inn and a stop 3 blocks from the Delta Hotels Winnipeg. Route 20 has a more roundabout route and takes 36 minutes to get downtown, with a stop 1 block from the Delta Hotels Winnipeg. Unless you have a prepaid ticket, bus fare is CA\$3.15, youth and senior fare is CA\$2.65, cash only, no change.

Winnipeg Transit offers a peggo card, which can be loaded with e-cash and/or bus passes. No need for cash payments when you board the bus – and you pay a discounted fare. You can purchase a peggo card for CA\$5 at 7-Eleven or Shoppers Drug Mart stores, or at a Transit Customer Service Centre. These locations, along with Rexall and Circle K stores, also sell paper tickets in sheets of 5 or 10, at the discounted fare.

Current hours for the Transit Customer Service Centre at Millenium Library (5 minute walk from the Delta) are Monday–Friday 8:30am–4:30pm.

Travel by Road

Winnipeg is on Highway 1, the Trans-Canada Highway, connecting to all major Canadian cities east and west. From the south, US Interstate 29 connects to Manitoba Highway 7 at the border. Winnipeg is one hour north of the border.

Travel by Rail

Winnipeg Union Station is a major stop on the VIA Rail network, with connections as far as Vancouver to the west, Churchill to the north, and Halifax to the east.

Travel by Water

Starting from Montreal, take the easy 3,200 km paddle to the western end of Lake Superior, where you can stock up on supplies at Grand Portage. Follow the Pigeon River upstream to its source, then follow the lake-and-river route to Rainy Lake. Be ready for the 16 portages, only one of which is more than 5 km. Take the Rainy River downstream to Lake of the Woods, then cross and use the Winnipeg River downstream to Lake Winnipeg. Go to the southern end of the lake, then paddle 50 km up the Red River to Winnipeg. At The Forks, where Red and Assiniboine Rivers meet, portage the final 1 km to the RBC Convention Centre, where you can park your canoe for CA\$25 per day.

More Information

For even more information about travelling to Winnipeg, see the Tourism Winnipeg [Travel Information](#) page.

Play “The Archaeologist Game” at Pemmi-Con!

The scenario: A 51st Century Archaeologist has come to Pemmi-Con to research the 21st Century Fan – and they’re counting on *you* to help them out! Answer a question (or multiple questions) for the Archaeologist’s Research Wall and you could win one of our daily prizes.

To learn more, look for our posters in the Delta Hotels Winnipeg on the convention weekend. Good luck, and may the best archaeologists win!



Life restoration drawing of *Philovenator curriei*, by Eloy Manzanero (Creative Commons licence)

Philovenator curriei

Philovenator curriei (above) is one of four dinosaurs named after Philip John Currie AOE FRSC. Other dinosaur species named in honour of Currie include *Quilmesaurus curriei*, *Epichirostenotes curriei*, *Teratophoneus curriei*, and *Albertavenator curriei*.

John Mansfield

Guest of Honour

Pemmi-Con Guest of Honour John Mansfield has died, April 19th, in hospice care, in Winnipeg.

Best known as a convention runner, Mansfield chaired the Winnipeg in '94 Worldcon bid and, subsequently, ConAdian, the 1994 Worldcon. He chaired Due North (2005) and OromoctoCon (1970). In 2011 John Mansfield was recognized with an Aurora Award for inventing the Aurora Award pin. Previously (1992) he received an Aurora Award for the Winnipeg in '94 Worldcon bid committee.

John Mansfield was also a gamer, active in the gaming industry. He ran his own game store, Pendragon, in Winnipeg.

John attended his first convention in 1966. He got into fandom in the early days of the Ottawa SF Society, and was a member of the Alberta Science Fiction Society in the early 1970s. Over the years he traveled extensively to Worldcons, Star Trek conventions, and gaming conventions.

John Mansfield helped many people to enter fandom and he promoted Canadian fandom in all his endeavours.

"We were thrilled when John agreed to be Pemmi-Con's Fan Guest of Honour. Both myself and my Co-Chair, Linda Ross-Mansfield, wanted to honour John Mansfield for all his fannish activities and we are both devastated by this loss."

*— Robbie Bourget,
Pemmi-Con Co-Chair*

Hotels Update

Delta Hotels Winnipeg

350 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg, R3C 3J2

The Delta Hotels Winnipeg has made some premium high floor rooms available to us. The Pemmi-Con rates are CA\$239 to CA\$259 per night. To make a reservation, please use our [Delta Hotels Winnipeg booking link](#) before June 17.

If you no longer need a room you have booked, please turn to our social media to see if someone can take it off your hands (and pay for it) to ensure the convention rate is not lost to other members.

Holiday Inn & Suites Downtown Winnipeg

360 Colony Street, Winnipeg, MB R3B 2P3

Pemmi-Con has a room block with the Holiday Inn & Suites Downtown Winnipeg. It is a ten minute walk from the RBC Convention Centre and the Delta Hotels Winnipeg. (Note: travelling by canoe takes a lot longer because first you have to walk to the river.) The Holiday Inn is close to the University of Winnipeg, with many restaurants nearby.

Rates are CA\$144/night for 1 king, 2 queen, and accessible rooms. Reservations can be canceled up to 24 hours prior to the date of arrival without penalty.

Please use our [Holiday Inn Pemmi-Con booking link](#). To reserve an accessible room, please choose either 1 king or 2 queen room type and note the desire for accessibility under "special requests" in the form.

Nearby Hotels

There are several hotels in downtown Winnipeg within 15–20 minute walking distance of the RBC Convention Centre and the Delta Hotels Winnipeg. Check our [website](#) for a list and a really cool map.

(Note that the [Winnipeg Fringe Festival](#) is July 19 to 30, in the Exchange District, north of #5 and #8 on the map. If you love theatre, you might want to book close to it. If you prefer to avoid crowds, you might want to book farther away.)

Masquerade

The Pemmi-Con masquerade will be held on Saturday evening, 22 July 2023. It will be one of the major events of the convention.

If you are a costumer, cosplay person, or someone just interested in making costumes, please feel free to enter. You can enter online now, using the [Masquerade Entry Form](#). Or you can wait until the convention and enter in person at the masquerade desk. Masquerade registration will be open until 1:00pm

on Friday, the day before the event. Run-throughs will be on Saturday, tentatively in Delta Ballroom A.

If you have any questions, please send a query to masquerade@pemmi-con.ca. Rules will be available on the website shortly.

Sandra Manning

Filk Music Programme

Hi all – looking forward to seeing you in Winnipeg in just about one month's time. Your filk music team, led by Decadent Dave Clement, has been hard at work arranging a great music programme with concerts, lots of open filk circles, theme circles and possible panels and workshops, based on what all our volunteers would like to offer.

What is Filk? To borrow from the [FilkONtario's website](#):

The easy answer is that it is science fiction folk music, which may explain nothing! Okay, so it's music based on themes in science fiction and/or fantasy writing; or on the space program, modern technology, computers, cats, food... or just about any subject people in SF fandom like to talk about. It's also primarily "folk"-ish in style: mostly the lyrics are important and have something to say that is worth hearing. But the musical style may be anything from "trad" to last week's top of the chart. Not surprisingly, there is a strong influence of popular music.

We are working on the schedule. If you would like to perform a concert, or run a circle, panel, or workshop, the first step is the Programme Participant Consent Form at <https://tinyurl.com/Pemmiprogram>.

It's brief, and indicates we have your permission to contact you. We will send you a link to the Call for Programme Participants form. This is where you can describe your interests and profile. Along with some general questions to answer – note that some are required – and there will be a link to a separate filk information form. If you have already completed the consent form and also the longer participants form, but don't remember the filk section, please email Alan using filk@pemmi-con.ca.

Our current plan is to have concerts every afternoon, with theme filks and open filks in the evening. We will not schedule any concerts opposite the main events. Assiniboia A in the basement of the Delta Hotels Winnipeg is ours for the evenings, for theme circles and open circles. Most concerts will be in Delta Ballroom C.

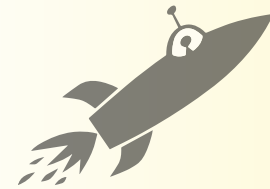
We invite everyone to come and try the Filk Music Programme – here will be very fine musicians performing in the concerts as well as the circles, and we are very friendly! You are welcome to join in and perform in circles, or just listen – it's a very welcoming environment.

Morva Bowman, Music & Filk Staff

Mobility Devices

Pemmi-Con has made contact with two suppliers of accessibility equipment. We can make a group booking for members who email us at access@pemmi-con.ca with their specific needs as well as (for comfort and safety reasons) the size and weight of the person who will be using the mobility device. This information will be kept confidential, and deleted once the member picks up the requested device. All equipment will be at the members' own cost.

If you wish to arrange your own rental, the two companies are [Reliable Mobility](#) and [HomEquip](#).



Fan Tables

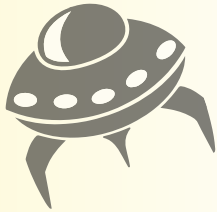
Pemmi-con is providing a limited number of tables where conventions, convention bids, fan groups, clubs, and related not-for-profit organizations can showcase their fan activity. Fan tables are a great opportunity to promote, recruit new members, raise awareness, and do community outreach.

Please read the [Fan Tables FAQ](#) (under Exhibits on the website) if you are interested in hosting a fan table at Pemmi-Con. Information about how to request a fan table is included near the bottom of the FAQ. Please do read it all, even if you've hosted fan tables at other conventions in Canada.

Marla Baer-Peckham & Geri Sullivan

In Memoriam

Pemmi-Con will honour those members of the science fiction community who we have lost. The names of those who will be memorialized can be found on the [In Memoriam list](#) on the Pemmi-Con website. If you know of someone who is not on that list and died after August 21, 2022, please let us know using the [In Memoriam form](#) on the Pemmi-Con website (<https://main.pemmi-con.ca/sf/in-memoriam/in-memoriam-submission/>).



Follow Pemmi-Con on Social Media



<https://twitter.com/WinnipegIn23>



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069752712607>



<https://www.instagram.com/pemmicon/>



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAXAp8W8r0KB_vQQUvI-jLQ



<https://fandom.ink/@pemmicon>

Gaming

There will be many parts to gaming this year. First, there's **open gaming**. Our friends from Game-itoba, Winnipeg's annual gaming con, will be bringing their entire library of games to keep you amused. Stop by and try something new!

Second, **pinball!** A regular feature of Keycon, Winnipeg's science fiction convention, Pemmi-Con will be hosting a pinball tournament. Sign up to prove that you are the king of the pinball wizards, or come and watch to see who scores the highest.

Third, **scheduled gaming** is now open; we are looking for volunteers to run games. Do you want to teach people your favorite new CCG, subject strangers to your elaborate dungeon crawl, or kick back with an old classic boardgame? Go to <https://main.pemmi-con.ca/>, head to the Programme page, scroll down to Gaming, and fill the linked form with a game you'd like to run. Or, if you want to do all of those things, fill the form several times.

We also hope to bring you a play-and-win section. Stay tuned to Pemmi-Con's news page or social media for more.

Petréa Mitchell, Gaming

Static Exhibits

We have substantial amounts of wall, table, and floor space available for displaying special items and collections of general interest to fans, and especially reflecting western Canadian SF and fandom. If you have something special which you want the fans who are coming to Winnipeg to see, please contact staticexhibits@pemmi-con.ca and we will be happy to work with you, to see what we can make happen.

C.D. Carson, Static Exhibits

2024 NASFiC Site Selection

Pemmi-Con will administer election of the 2024 NASFiC site. Only members of Pemmi-Con can vote. To vote, you need to pay an Advance Supporting Membership (Voting) Fee that makes you a supporting member of the winning bid.

The ballot will soon be available on our website, along with details on the mechanism for voting. In person voting also will happen during Pemmi-Con, Thursday and Friday, July 20–21, 2023. The result of the election will be announced during the NASFiC WSFS Business Meeting, scheduled for Saturday, 22 July 2023.

One group, bidding for Buffalo, New York, USA, has filed a bid to host the 2024 NASFiC. Proposed dates are 18–21 July 2024.

Details of their bid, including their organizing document and their facilities agreement with the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Buffalo, can be found on the [NASFiC Bids website](#). More information can be found on the Pemmi-Con website under the "SF" menu (<https://main.pemmi-con.ca/sf/nasfic-site-selection/>).

Other groups may file as write-in bids up until the close of at-convention voting, currently scheduled for 6 PM Central Daylight Time. To file a NASFiC bid in advance of the convention, send it by email to siteselection@pemmi-con.ca. To file a bid at the convention, bring it to the Site Selection desk and give it to the Site Selection administrator. Only write-in bids that file with the administrator can actually win the election.

"None of the Above" is always listed on the ballot. Should it win, no NASFiC will be held, and Pemmi-Con will return all fees to the voters.

Food for Thought

Winnipeg is a city of intersections. North and South, East and West, Past and Present. From the city's earliest days after the Métis people negotiated Manitoba's entry into Confederation in 1870 until the last immigration hall closed in 1969, Winnipeg was the heart of immigration into western Canada. While no longer as vital to immigration as it once was, it is still a city that sees thousands of newcomers every year.

The city's food scene is reflective of its diverse diaspora communities, with local favourites that have endured for fifty years or more coexisting alongside franchises as well as exciting new ventures that opened in the middle of a global pandemic and beat the odds through rave reviews and mass community support. There's a new surprise around every corner, and that's especially true of the area around Pemmi-Con's venue.

Nicholas Vincenten

We have a new "menu" item on the website — a list of eateries selected by a Winnipegger to guide us when the second breakfast has been digested and we are ready to get serious about finding a good meal. Nicholas highlights a dozen restaurants and markets near the Delta Hotel Winnipeg and shares a few good options if you are staying at the Holiday Inn. He describes local restaurant highlights including a few fine dining options a bit farther afield. (None actually in a field, we hasten to add.) And finally, at the request of Pemmi-Con daily newzine staff, he also tells us about good coffee in the area. Praise Roscoe.

<https://main.pemmi-con.ca/winnipeg/restaurants/>

Volunteering

Pemmi-Con is not-for-profit and is 100% staffed and run by volunteers. Everyone on the committee is a volunteer, and we hope you will join us. There are roles for everyone, from new fans to wizened SMOFs.

We are actively asking for help prior to and at the convention. All volunteers **attending** the convention will need to purchase a membership. (If you cannot attend Pemmi-Con, there are still tasks that need to be done prior and we would love to have help from those who wish to do so.) Please fill out our volunteer form at <http://rebrand.ly/Pemmi-ConVolunteer> and we will be in contact with you soon. We look forward to hearing from you!



Hunting for Hybrid Helpers!

Many of our events at Pemmi-Con will be hybrid — both onsite in Winnipeg and streamed to the Internet for those who cannot join us in person. If you are someone who knows how to use Zoom, we could use your help making sure that everyone at each event is included, no matter where they are. Please email hybrid@pemmi-con.ca to find out more.

Membership Update

Virtual memberships (providing access to our hybrid programme) are now on sale!

Membership Rates

Current rates in Canadian Dollars:

Attending	CA\$ 175
Supporting	CA\$ 40
Upgrade from Supporting to Attending	CA\$ 135
Teen Attending	CA\$ 100
Child Attending	CA\$ 60
Kid In Tow*	CA\$ 0
First Responder / First Nation member	CA\$ 95
Virtual	CA\$ 90
Upgrade from Supporting to Virtual	CA\$ 50

**Parents, please remember to register your Kid In Tow before the convention. The membership rate is CA\$0.*

On July 3, 2023 we will announce our at-the-door rates, including day memberships. Should there be a rate rise, it will be announced at that time.

Badge Pickup

Badges pickup will be at the Ballroom Coat Check room on the second floor of the Delta Hotels Winnipeg (next to the escalator from the ground floor).

Members List

Currently Pemmi-Con has over 725 members from six countries. A partial list can be accessed at <https://reg.pemmi-con.ca/memberships/membership-listing>.

Please note: we require explicit permission to list our members. If you are surprised to not see your name there, please contact reg@pemmi-con.ca to confirm your status.

Terry Fong, Registration Pre-Con

Souvenir Book

Our Souvenir Book will be published after the convention, allowing us to include convention photos and highlights in true “souvenir” fashion. All Pemmi-Con members will be given a link to the digital version.

We’ve taken the decision to offer a paper souvenir book as an “opt-in” choice for our members. At onsite registration, attending members may sign up to receive a paper copy by mail. After Pemmi-Con, non-attending and virtual members will also be asked if they’d like a printed copy by mail.

Murray Moore, Communications Division Head

Policies Reminder

Please make sure you have read the convention’s [Code of Conduct](#). It is posted in the Policies area on our website.

While you are there, please make sure you are familiar with our Covid Policy. To summarize, we require attendees to be vaccinated and for the most part to mask when indoors in convention spaces. Please read the full policy before coming to Registration to pick up your badge.

Convention Operations staff, based in the St. Vital room in the Delta Hotels Winnipeg, will handle questions about convention policies and issues that arise, including Code of Conduct, [Covid](#), [Weapons](#), and [Large Prop/Costume](#) policies.

Robbie Bourget, Co-Chair

NASFiC WSFS Business Meeting

Because the 2024 Worldcon will be held outside of North America, Pemmi-Con’s members will vote on the site of the 2024 NASFiC. Under the provisions of section 4.8.5 of the World Science Fiction Society Constitution, there will be a special NASFiC WSFS Business Meeting at Pemmi-Con, at a time to be announced on Saturday, July 22. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to receive the results of the 2024 NASFiC site selection and to adjudicate any disputes related to it. No other business will be in order.

If you have questions about the NASFiC WSFS Business Meeting, write to businessmeeting@pemmi-con.ca.

Kevin Standlee, WSFS

“World Science Fiction Society”, “WSFS”, “World Science Fiction Convention”, “Worldcon”, and “NASFiC” are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.

Pemmi-Con is sponsored by Cansmof Inc., a Canadian Not-for-Profit organisation, started in 2007. Our first event was Anticipation, the 67th Worldcon in Montreal in 2009.

A World of Artwork in Winnipeg

One of the many goals of Science Fiction is to explore possible futures, and to reinterpret our many views of the past. This is also a goal of art. Winnipeg is blessed with many galleries and museums that provide infinite opportunities for this exploration.

The current theme of the [Winnipeg Art Gallery](#) (300 Memorial Blvd.) is “Interrupting the Institution,” leading towards “equity, decolonization and reconciliation,” which includes its rebranding as [WAG-Qaumajuq](#) (pronounced *KOW-ma-yourk*, and sometimes *HOW-ma-jourk*, which means “It is bright, it is lit” in Inuktitut). Some might consider this ‘woke’, to flip the focus of the gallery, and overcompensate for years of exploitation and cultural genocide, but the jury is still out, except to say, it is an interesting approach.

Downtown, we also have the [Manitoba Museum](#) (190 Rupert Ave.), which is a world-class journey into the past, featuring the *Nonsuch*, an early Fur-Trading vessel. You can walk aboard, touch and feel the history. There’s [Cre8ery Art Gallery & Studio](#) (125 Adelaide St.) that presents contemporary art for sale, towards a wide variety of tastes. [Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art](#) (460 Portage Ave.) pushes the boundaries of ‘acceptability’, while [Ace Art Inc.](#) (2nd Floor, 290 McDermot Ave.) has also tested taste’s limits. [Fleet Galleries](#) (65 Albert St.) and [The Edge Gallery & Urban Art Centre](#) (210-611 Main St.) may also be appealing.

As part of St. Boniface Hospital is the [Buhler Gallery](#) (409 Taché Ave.), while down south a bit is [Loch Gallery](#) (306 St. Mary’s Road).

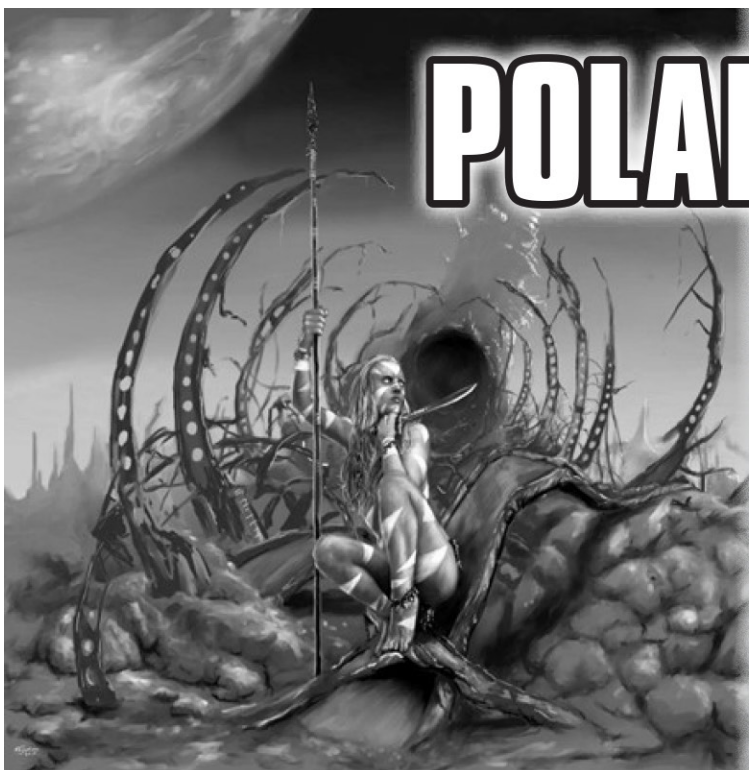
Skipping back to the west side of the Red River, in Little Italy are [Nunavut Gallery Inc](#) (603 Corydon Ave.), [Stoneware Gallery](#) (778 Corydon), and [Selim’s Antiques](#) (801 Corydon), which are a hop, skip, and a jump from [Gallery Lacosse](#) (169 Lilac St.). Nearby, there is also [Bayat Inuit Gallery](#) (163 Stafford St.).

If you have the chance, visit Assiniboine Park, which besides the Zoo and newly opened The Leaf nature reserve includes the [Pavilion Gallery Museum](#) (55 Pavilion Crescent), which has some astonishing works by internationally renowned Manitoba artists – Ivan Eyre, Clarence Tillenius and Walter J. Phillips, as well as the work of emerging artists. Don’t leave before you visit the English Gardens and the [Leo Mol Sculpture Garden](#) (2355 Corydon Ave.). A pleasant walk over the Assiniboine River bridge will also score you some nice ice cream and coffee, if that fits your fancy.

Back up towards downtown is [Woodlands Gallery](#) (535 Academy Rd.). From there, head to [Birchwood Art Gallery and Custom Framing Shop](#) (two locations: 6-1170 Taylor Ave., and 1068 Pembina Hwy.).

There’s really something for everyone, and that’s not to mention The Forks, where we find [Pulse Gallery](#) (25 Forks Market Road), and countless more treasures.

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