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Welcome from the Co-Chairs

Welcome to Pemmi-Con, the 15th North American Science Fiction Convention. We are very pleased that you could make it, whether in person or virtually. We both hope that you enjoy the next few days.

— Linda Ross-Mansfield and Robbie Bourget

Move In

Pemmi-Con volunteers are busy moving in and setting up the convention. Here is the on-site registration desk, on the second floor in the Delta Hotel.

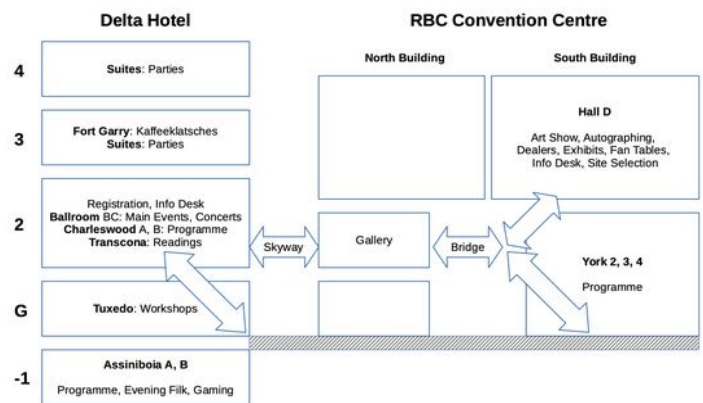


Elayne Pelz and David Guon at Pemmi-Con Registration

All the Moose that Fits

The Mooseletter welcomes your contributions! Do you have a party announcement, restaurant review, panel review, or interesting story to share? A cool photo (with attribution and permission)? Please send it to newsletter@pemmi-com.ca.

Map and Directions



Pemmi-Con is in the Delta Hotels Winnipeg and the RBC Convention Centre South Building, connected by Skyway.

From the second floor of the Delta, go up a short set of steps to the Skyway. Cross above Carlton Street to the RBC Convention Centre. In the middle of the building, go through the doors on the left to the Gallery. Check out the Indigenous art on display. Keep left and cross the bridge to the South Building. You can take the escalator or elevator up to Hall D, or take the stairs or elevator down to York.

To avoid the steps, you can exit the Delta lobby at street level. Go left and there is concrete tower with an elevator to the Skyway. This gets you past the steps and the rest of the route is accessible.



Bruce is one meter longer than a city bus!

You Can't Win If You Don't Play

Pemmi-Con is delighted to announce, as part of our efforts to highlight Indigenous creators, that we have received a copy of the game Kaupapa all the way from New Zealand, and it will be available for play-and-win. Kaupapa is a game for learning the Māori language, playable cooperatively or competitively by 2 to any number of players. You can find out more about it at <https://speak.maori.nz>.

What's play-and-win? Play a game, and everyone who played it is entered into a drawing to take the game home! Kaupapa will be available to try in Assiniboia B, during gaming hours, through 10pm Saturday.



Blaze Restaurant Convention Specials

The Blaze Restaurant in the Delta Hotel has a special menu for ai-kon (last weekend) and Pemmi-Con (this weekend), with low prices and even some healthy options. Check it out!

Meet Bruuuuuuce!

Manitoba at the end of the Mesozoic era, sixty-six million years ago, was a very different place than it is today. A shallow brackish sea with a muddy bottom, it was part of the much larger Western Interior Seaway, cutting North America into two land masses. Its waters were dominated by mosasaurs, enormous marine reptiles closely related to modern snakes and monitor lizards. Among the largest species was *Tylosaurus pembinensis*, reaching up to 39 feet in length and 5.5 tons in weight. A specimen of this size — known affectionately as Bruce — was discovered near Thornhill in 1974 and a reconstruction at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre in Morden currently holds the Guinness World Record for largest mosasaur on display.

Moose Participation

Pemmi-Con would like to declare that no moose were harmed in the making of this convention. Moose participants in the hybrid programme, gaming, masquerade, and publications are digital likenesses generated using state-of-the-art MooseJourney artificial intelligence software. Moose speech and sounds were generated using MooseGPT. Moose data was collected and used in compliance with applicable regulations. If there is a problem involving Moose participation in the convention, whether is caused by Moose, humans, or other animals, please refer to the Pemmi-Con Code of Mooseconduct.

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