

What to know before you arrive in Banff for the 2025 APPI Conference – FRESH FOCUS – Ignite Your Creativity

APPI is looking forward to hosting you in Banff October 19-21, 2025. To help you prepare for a productive and enjoyable experience, we have compiled some important information:

Parks Canada Pass

- Anyone entering and staying in a Canadian Park is required to purchase a Parks Pass. Further information is found [Fees - Banff National Park](#)
- [Purchase Your Banff Park Pass Online](#)
- Have an AMA Membership? [Parks Canada AMA Discount](#) | [AMA Rewards](#)

Parking in Banff for Hotel Guests

- Hotel guests of the Banff Park Lodge (BPL) and the Peaks Hotel have access to daily self-parking for a charge not included in the guest room rate.

Parking in Banff for Non-Hotel Attendees

- For attendees not staying with the BPL or the Peaks Hotel, there is minimal free parking along the river behind the BPL on Bow Avenue, and you may also check at the BPL Front Desk to inquire if there is any parking available on site. If available, the rate will be \$14/day plus tax. Alternatively, attendees are asked to visit the Town of Banff website [Parking](#) | [Banff, AB](#) for information regarding parking options.

Conference Schedule at a Glance

- Visit the Conference website to review the updated schedule at a glance and the detailed program [Conference](#) | [Alberta Professional Planners Institute](#)

Workshop Registration Still Open

- Interactive Community Engagement Exercise Workshop: Looking at housing Development Through the Various Housing Industry Community Lenses – Sunday, October 19, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. \$50 fee. Register [HERE](#).
- Tour Registration Still Open – Registration links as per below, \$20 fee/tour.
- Tour 1: Affordable Housing Tour, Sunday October 19, 10 am - 12 pm. Register [HERE](#).
- Tour 5: Roam Transit Tour, Monday October 20, 2:15 pm - 5:15 pm. Register [HERE](#).

- Tour 6: Waste Reduction in Banff, Monday October 20, 4 pm - 6 pm. Register [HERE](#).
- Self-Guided Banff Heritage Walking Tour – While in Banff consider exploring the self-guided [Banff Heritage Walking Tour](#)

Conference Check In

- The registration desk will be open Sunday October 19, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm and Monday, October 20, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm in the BPL lobby.

Sunday Evening Conference Welcome Reception

- Sunday October 19, 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm. This event is open to only those who confirmed attendance via their RSVP. Your ticket will be in your name tag holder. This event includes a **FULL BARBEQUE BUFFET**, so please arrive hungry and also includes complimentary access to the world class The Ancestors Are Talking Exhibit (Paintings by the Indigenous Seven at the Whyte Museum of the Rockies).

Monday Evening Banquet

- Monday October 20, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. This is a ticketed event open to only those who confirmed attendance via their RSVP. Your ticket will be in your name tag holder. This event includes a FULL SEATED MEAL, so please arrive hungry, followed by the APPI Planning Awards and planning trivia with prizes. Cash Bar

Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) Learning Units (LU's)

- Regulated members are required to self-log the CPL LU's they acquire while attending the 2025 APPI Conference, as per the LU's assigned to each session, and identified in the program. APPI will NOT be logging Conference LUs for delegates.

Eligibility to Win Fabulous Prizes

- All delegates are encouraged to attend the final Plenary Panel session – Zoning Wars & Urban Legends: Debunking Myths to Create Better Cities, followed by brief Closing Remarks, to conclude at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, October 21. Only those present for the Closing Remarks will be eligible to win one of these fabulous prizes including:
 1. One of two amazing gift baskets
 2. A registration to the 2026 APPI Conference
 3. A stay at the wonderful Banff Park Lodge

Bagged Lunch

- A bagged lunch will be provided to all delegates to enjoy on their journey home.

Conference Recordings

- All registered conference delegates will be provided with access to recordings of a majority of the sessions at no additional cost, post conference.

What to Pack

- October weather in Banff is unpredictable. We encourage you to plan your wardrobe for comfort and changing weather conditions.

Questions?

- If you have any regarding the 2025 APPI Conference, please email office@albertaplanners.com .



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We serve the public interest by providing regulation, advocacy, promotion
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