

PCAG 2025 Schedule

October 17 to 19, 2025 at Elkhorn Resort Spa & Conference Centre, RMNP

Friday PM - Welcome / Icebreaker (7- 9 pm)

SALON A

- Conference registrant check-in and welcome table, and PCAG Executive meeting (location TBD). (Elkhorn resort check-in is available from 4 PM.)

Saturday AM - Oral & Poster Presentations (8:00 am to 12:30 pm)

SALON B&C

- Welcome table re-opens at 8:00 AM. Poster set-up. (*Student presenter names are in italics.*)

8:10 AM	Welcome to PCAG and Introductory remarks	
8:20 AM	Bernard Thraves	From elevator rows to inland terminals: The view from Saskatchewan
8:40 AM	<i>Gina Musgrave</i> & C.D. Malcolm	Public Knowledge of and Attitudes toward Aquatic Invasive Species and their Management in Riding Mountain National Park.
9:00 AM	Randy Widdis	The Borders and Bordering of the Great Plains and Prairies Indigenous Borderland: An Historical Overview
9:20 AM	Etsuko Yasui, <i>Drayden MacKay</i> & <i>Patrick Horne</i>	Disaster-Affected Places: From 30 Years of Rebuilding Kobe, Japan to Hazards Threatening Vulnerable Communities in Canada
9:40 AM	<i>Anna Cushon</i> , C. McCarter & P. Whittington	The influence of regenerating forests on peatland catchment hydrology in Sudbury, Ontario
10:00 AM	<i>Tobi Hoefer</i>	Remote sensing techniques in peatlands to aid in restoration and recovery
10:20 AM	Break for Coffee and Poster Viewing (see posters, listed below)	
10:40 AM	Ivan Townshend	Exploring the Geography of COVID Funding Uptake: Intersectionality and Marginalization in Calgary's Urban Social Structure
11:00 AM	Brent Smith	Modeling Riparian Structure and Succession with LiDAR in Medicine Hat, Alberta.
11:20 AM	<i>Carter Baranyk</i> , D.J. Wiseman & W. vanHeyst	Comparison of Approaches for Impervious Surface Mapping of Mixed Urban Areas with UAV Imagery
11:40 AM	<i>Daniel Oppong</i> , A. Cornwell & R. Stewart	Improving Effective Stakeholder Engagement in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process towards Sustainable Mining in Forested Areas of Northern Ontario, Canada.

12:00 PM	Laura Munski & Douglas Munski	Enhancing informal STEM education in North Dakota: implications of the NGS slingshot competition for middle school and high school educators in the PCAG region
12:20 PM	Wrap-up of Saturday AM sessions and announcements, if any.	

Posters

Poster	Ulrike Hardenbicker, Samantha Kerr, & Emily Multon	Sediment Transport and Sorting in the Avonlea Badlands
Poster	Joy DeCastro, C.D. Malcolm, & T. Town	An inventory of native mussel species and abundance in Clear Lake, Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba

Saturday Lunch (12:30 to 1:30 pm)

- Everyone is on their own for lunch. Options include Buffalo Bar at Elkhorn Resort, or Lakehouse in downtown Wasagaming.

Saturday PM - Walking Field Trip (1:45 to ~ 4 pm) dep. from **Visitor Centre, Wasagaming**

- Gather in downtown Wasagaming in front of RMNP Visitor Centre at 1:45 PM.

The Walking Field Trip will depart from the Visitor Centre (133 Wasagaming Dr.) at 2:00 PM.

The RMNP Visitor Centre is an approx. 20-minute walk (or a 3-minute drive) from the Elkhorn Resort. The PCAG Walking Field Trip is FREE and will be led by park staff on a ~2-km loop on level ground around the Wasagaming town site. Tour topics will include aquatic invasive species (AIS) such as zebra mussels & their management; fire ecology in the park; and more.

Saturday PM - Banquet (5:30 to 9:30 pm)

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- Cocktails (cash bar available), 5:30 pm
- Dinner, 6:15 to 7 pm
- Invited Speaker / Keynote, 7 to 8 pm: Mireille Lamontagne “The Fort Ellice Legacy Project”
- Outdoor campfire, ~8 pm on

Sunday AM – AGM (9 to 10 am)

SALON A

- PCAG Annual General Meeting. All Prairie Division CAG members are welcome.

Miscellaneous other info for attendees:

The resort’s pool & hot tub area are available to Elkhorn Resort guests registered in a hotel room or chalet. Spa Passes for Klar So Nordic Spa are available at a reduced rate to registrants. Contact the hotel’s front desk for details & booking. A Riding Mountain National Park Pass might be required to enter Wasagaming

and visit the park, but a RMNP Park Pass is not required to stay at the Elkhorn Resort. (If needed, a park pass may be purchased at the hotel's front desk.

Abstract for the keynote address at the banquet: "The Fort Ellice Legacy Project"

May 26, 2023, a new permanent outdoor exhibition was launched in St. Lazare, Manitoba on land owned by Nature Conservancy of Canada. The dream of the community had long been to make an exhibition at the archaeological site once the Hudson's Bay Company's fur trade era post known as Fort Ellice 2 (1862-1890). The area is known as the 'Little Forks' where the Assiniboine and Qu'Appelle rivers meet. It has been a place of human habitation for 11,000 years, much older than "The Forks" of the Red and Assiniboine rivers in Winnipeg. It's a special place to learn about Indigenous lifeways along the borderlands of the parklands and great plains since time immemorial through to the fur trade, and colonization into modern day.

Researcher, Curator and Project Manager, Mireille Lamontagne, will serve as our guide in an exploration of Fort Ellice's little-known role and impact in the history of Manitoba and the North-West as told through the exhibition's 10 interpretive kiosks. Mireille is an award-winning heritage specialist who is passionate about cultural landscapes, the conservation of Indigenous heritage, decolonizing the way we teach history, and how we work together in the conservation of public heritage.

On behalf of the PCAG 2025 Organizing Committee at Brandon University, we look forward to seeing you there!