



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ANSM Annual Conference  
October 1 - 2, 2026  
Stellarton, NS

The Association of Nova Scotia Museums (ANSM) is inviting proposals for presentations, panels, and activities for our annual conference at the [Museum of Industry](#) in Stellarton from October 1 - 2, 2026. This conference will also celebrate ANSM's 50th anniversary. All sessions will be held in-person.

The theme of this conference is **CAKE: A Recipe for the Future of Museums**, where:

**C** = Community      **A** = Access      **K** = Knowledge-sharing      **E** = Engagement

Our goal is to create an atmosphere of joy for the museum sector of Nova Scotia by incorporating ANSM's [Cake Policy](#) into the theme of this conference.

Proposals are invited for a variety of types of sessions, including **presentations** (20 - 45 minutes), **panels** (60 - 90 minutes), and/or **hands-on workshops/activities** (60 - 90 minutes). Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Inclusivity and relationship-building with communities
- Preserving and sharing community stories and perspectives
- Promoting safe and healthy communities at museums
- Addressing accessibility - physical, intellectual, digital
- Off-site and outdoor programming and services
- Succession planning and staff/volunteer recruitment and resilience
- Engaging youth/young adults and school groups
- Sponsorship recruitment and engagement

**To submit a proposal, please include the name(s) of the presenter(s)/panelists and their contact information, plus:**

- A brief description of your presentation/panel/activity
- Proposed length of your presentation/panel/activity, including question period
- Brief speaker bio(s)
- Any accessibility requirements or adaptations needed

**Send proposals to: [services@ansm.ns.ca](mailto:services@ansm.ns.ca)**

**Submission deadline: Friday, July 10, 2026**