



2025 Atlantic Asset Management Conference *Call for Presentations*

Come share your stories and successes at AIM Network's Atlantic Asset Management Conference in *Dartmouth, Nova Scotia* on *August 20 – 22*, this year as we focus on our conference theme:

“The Future of Our Infrastructure: Tough Choices for Municipal Services”

Across Atlantic Canada, municipalities are facing increasingly tough choices about how to maintain essential services. Limited resources, aging infrastructure, climate change, shifting demographics, and growing service demands are forcing local governments to reconsider what is sustainable and what trade-offs are needed. This year's theme invites honest conversations and practical solutions to help Atlantic communities make informed decisions about the future of their infrastructure, while continuing to support the people who depend on it every day.

We invite you to show off your community's achievements by sharing your experience with your peers. This year's conference has five topic streams and four possible formats. Please indicate the topic stream and your preferred format. AIM Network focuses on municipal experience, so *if you are a vendor or supplier*, we ask that you partner with a municipality or First Nations client to present a case study relevant to your abstract.

Formats (Select one or suggest an alternate format for your presentation):

- 1. Technical Presentation** – These are thirty-minute time slots, with twenty minutes for the presentation and ten minutes for questions.
- 2. Workshop** – These are hands-on exercises which combine a presentation and learning component along with an opportunity for attendees to put the content into practice through facilitated group exercises.
- 3. Facilitated Discussions** – Sometimes called a “fishbowl” discussion, two or three presenters begin a discussion with a three- or four-minute talk on a topic at the front of the room. Attendees can then carry on the conversation by replacing one of the initial speakers at the front.

Topic Streams (Select the most appropriate topic stream for your presentation)

Stream 1: Back to Basics

Whether you're starting from scratch, picking up where someone else left off, or trying to keep asset management afloat among many other priorities, this stream is for you. Back to Basics is about practical, realistic approaches to building and sustaining an asset management program, no matter your starting point. We welcome presentations that focus on setting up foundational practices, navigating early challenges, and finding simple, effective ways to keep things moving forward.

Stream 2: Financial Planning / Financing Projects

As we begin to better understand the future of their infrastructure, tough financial choices are unavoidable. We spend a lot of time determining what we should do without understanding what we **can** do. It's not just about funding ambitious new projects; we're also struggling to afford the replacement of existing assets. This stream focuses on understanding financial limitations not as a barrier, but as a starting point for making realistic, strategic decisions. We invite presentations that explore how to increase revenues, access new funding opportunities, and stretch existing dollars further. Topics may include long-term capital planning, setting up reserve funds, and navigating difficult conversations around lowering service levels to ensure the sustainability and resilience of core services.



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Stream 3: Collaboration

Collaboration is about capturing the full picture, breaking down silos within departments, across municipalities, and between levels of government, while also ensuring that knowledge and leadership are carried forward. This stream invites stories of teamwork, shared services, and integration, but also of succession planning, knowledge transfer, and continuity through staff and political change. Whether you've built a cross-functional team, navigated a partnership agreement, or developed strategies to retain organizational memory, we want to hear how collaboration is helping your community make stronger, more informed decisions now and into the future.

Stream 4: Data Management

Good data leads to good decisions but keeping it up-to-date can feel overwhelming. This stream is about making data maintenance practical, approachable, and achievable. We invite presentations that show how to keep information current through clear processes, simple routines, and realistic tools. Whether it's tracking updates after capital projects, building a culture of daily data habits, enabling data to flow between departments, or using tech platforms or AI to supercharge your workflow, share how you're making data an active part of decision-making, not just a background task.

Stream 5: Council Perspective and Community Involvement

Infrastructure shapes how we live, move, and connect in our communities. The decisions we make today will be felt for generations. As we face tough choices around aging asset replacement, climate adaptation, and rapid development, it's critical that elected officials and the public are informed, engaged, and part of the process. This stream invites presentations that explore how to build understanding, foster meaningful input, and strengthen collaboration between technical staff, council, and the communities they serve, ensuring that limited dollars are spent where they matter most.

Please submit an abstract (**maximum 300 words**) outlining details of your presentation including the topic/presentation title, presentation format, topical stream project description and presenters. Submissions should include brief presenter biographies (**maximum 150 words**).

Important Dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline:	May 9, 2025
Acceptance Notification:	May 30, 2025
Presentation Dates:	August 21 or 22, 2025

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us at info@aimnetwork.ca. We look forward to hearing from you!