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129th Member Meeting

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The 129th OGC Member Meeting will take place in Montreal, Canada. Strategic Member Support comes from host Natural Resources Canada, with additional support from principal member CAE and general sponsor Esri Canada; our dinner sponsor is Bentley Systems. We will meet at the Centre Mont-Royal from June 17-21 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. To help you prepare, we've compiled this quick reference guide so you're ready for a successful in-person attendee experience. The [OGC website](#) is where you'll find *everything* about OGC, including events, education, and much more!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue Address


Centre Mont-Royal*

2200 Rue Mansfield, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 3R8

Canada

T: +1 (514) 884-2000

E: info@centremontroyal.com

 Please refer to [Google Maps](#)

*The Centre Mont-Royal building is entirely accessible.

Opening hours

Monday till Friday

09.00 - 17.00

The venue is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Wifi Access

Wi-Fi network (SSID): CMR

Username: ogcmm

Password: montreal

Agenda

See the agenda, featured speakers, and more on the [Member Meeting Event Page](#).

Attendee List

See who will be [attending](#) the 129th OGC Member Meeting (Note: Only available to OGC Members. If you are an OGC Member needing help with your portal access, please contact us at registration@ogc.org).

Conference Registration and Badge Pick Up

The registration desk (located on Foyer 3A) will be open daily, 30 minutes before the first session, for badge pick-up and on-site registration. For those who have registered earlier, please collect your badges on-site.



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Please note that wearing badges all the time is mandatory for access to the event. For on-site registration, please check in at the registration desk for next steps.

Accommodations (Special)

Please share any special dietary, physical, vision, or hearing requirements during registration or email tcummings@ogc.org directly.

Getting There

Traveling to Montreal is accessible from anywhere in the world. Montreal-Trudeau International Airport (YUL) is the central hub, with global flights linking North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. From Montreal-Trudeau International Airport, the 747-bus service operates 24/7 between the airport and downtown Montreal, with stops at key metro stations and hotels. Additionally, taxi services and car rentals are available.

Via Rail provides train service to Montreal from cities within Canada with direct connections from Ottawa, Toronto, and Quebec City. Travel times are approximately 2 hours from Ottawa, 5 hours from Toronto, and 3 hours from Quebec City. Amtrak also offers rail service to Montreal from New York.

Ride Sharing, Taxi and Parking

Uber offers service within Montreal. Multiple traditional taxi companies, including Taxi Champlain, Taxi Atlas, and Taxi Coop Montreal, are also available.

Parking is available at the Centre Mont-Royal. Daily rates (12 hours) are around \$20 CAD.

Hotel Options

The nearest hotels to Centre Mont-Royal are Hotel Le Germain Montreal, Hotel Omni Mont-Royal, Le St-Martin Montreal Hotel Particulier, and Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth. Many other options are also available. Keep in mind that rates may vary depending on availability. OGC has secured group rates at these two hotels.

- [Hotel Omni Mont-Royal \(CAD 299++\)](#)
- [Residence Inn Downtown Montreal \(CAD 269++\)](#)

LOCAL INFORMATION (Including Travel and Weather)

Connectivity & Free Public Wi-Fi

The City of Montreal offers free public Wi-Fi through its MTLWiFi. It is accessible at over 275 locations, including parks, libraries, borough offices, tourist sites, and commercial streets. This service is available to everyone, providing a bandwidth of up to 30 megabytes per second per user. There is no need for a password to connect to MTLWiFi. Many hotels and other tourist attractions also have free WiFi.



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5G and 4G/LTE mobile networks are available throughout Montreal. If you come from outside Canada, you must pay roaming charges. To avoid paying roaming charges, switch your telephone to airplane mode, deactivate roaming, or use the free WiFi options noted above.

Currency & Banking

Canadian Dollar (CAD) is the official currency of Canada (refer to [current exchange rates](#) relative to your local currency). Most shops and restaurants will accept credit cards, bank debit cards, and cash. There are plenty of ATMs where you can make cash withdrawals.

A sales tax rate of 14.975% of the total cost applies to most purchases.

Drinking Water

Montreal's tap water is high quality and safe to drink. You can also buy bottled water easily.

Emergency Services

If you need urgent (medical) help or are in a life-threatening situation, call the national emergency number 911.

Explore Montreal

Montreal boasts diverse must-visit sightseeing places that cater to all interests, from historical landmarks and architectural marvels to natural beauty and cultural institutions. Learn about the [top-rated attractions](#) in Montreal. Additional events and activities for Montreal can be found [here](#). Further tourist information is also available from the [Province of Quebec](#).

Downtown Montreal is walkable and has most attractions, restaurants, and shopping malls within a short distance of many hotels—the Centre Mont-Royal, located downtown, making accessing many attractions from the meeting venue easy.

Getting Around Montreal

Downtown Montreal offers a public transport system operated by the [Société de transport de Montréal \(STM\)](#). It includes an extensive metro (subway) network with several stations in the downtown area, making it convenient for navigating the city center and beyond. Additionally, numerous bus lines serve the area, frequently serving various neighborhoods and points of interest. Note that STM metro service **does not** extend to the airport. The closest metro stations to Centre Mont-Royal include [Peel](#) and [McGill](#).

Portions of Montreal are also accessible via the [Réseau express métropolitain \(REM\)](#), a new light rail network. Note that REM service is currently limited to particular sections of the city and does not serve the airport.

The [BIXI bike-share](#) program is a popular choice for short distances, especially during warmer months.

Language

In Montreal, the local people speak French. However, most residents can speak English and will gladly help you. Most businesses also offer services in both English and French.



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Power Plugs

The standard electrical outlet in Montreal and across Canada is Type B, which has two flat parallel pins and a grounding pin. Type A outlets are also present in some locations. The electrical supply is 120 Volts and 60 Hertz. Visitors from countries with different plug types and voltages may need a plug adapter and voltage converter for their electronic devices.

Time Zone and Summer Time

Canada and Montreal are in the Eastern Time Zone, standing at UTC-5 hours. The meeting will observe Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), UTC -4 hours.

Tipping

In Montreal, tipping is not just a gesture of appreciation but an established norm. Aim to leave a 15-20% tip on the pre-tax amount in restaurants based on service satisfaction. At bars, \$1-2 per drink or 15-20% of the bill is customary. Taxi drivers, hairdressers, and hotel staff also expect tips for their service. Always check your bill for included service charges, especially in groups, to avoid double tipping. Learn more about Canada's tipping culture [here](#).

Travel Documents

You will need a valid passport and proof of identity to visit Canada. Some travelers to Canada require an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to enter the country. Visit [here](#) to learn the process of obtaining an eTA. Most applications get approved within minutes. Look at this [site](#) to determine if you require an eTA.

Note. U.S. citizens are EXEMPT from the eTA requirement.

Weather

June in Montreal generally offers good weather with pleasant average temperatures. Throughout the day, temperatures typically settle at around 24°C with overnight lows around 14°C.

What to Pack

Attire is business casual for the conference during the day. We recommend you dress in layers as temperatures in meeting rooms can vary. Some events may occur outside in the evening when the weather cools down, so be sure to bring appropriate clothing options.



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NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES*

Monday, June 17 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Reception and Networking Session

Location: Centre Mont-Royal

Wednesday, June 19 | 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Offsite Networking Dinner (Separate fee required)

Location: [Le Richmond](#)

Please note that complimentary ground transportation is provided to and from the venue.

Hosted by: **Bentley®**

STAY CONNECTED BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE MEETING

***Not sure who's new?** If you see a first-timer (easily spot other first-time attendees by the “specially-marked” stickers on their badges), say hello, sit by them in the sessions, and introduce them to some of your contacts! Not only will you help the first-timers, but you'll grow your network and likely make a great new friend!

- For questions about the 129th OGC Member Meeting, please contact [OGC Registration](#).
- Join the **#OGCMM** conversation! Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Slack](#), [X](#), and [YouTube](#), and engage in discussions on our pages.
- Make plans for the Fall 2024 130th OGC Member Meeting in Seoul, Republic of Korea (early November).

VIRTUAL ACCESS

Virtual Platform is Available to All Who Register

We highly recommend you experience the 129th OGC Member Meeting in person. If you cannot attend in person, you will have access to the meeting virtual platform when it opens on Monday, June 17, at 8:30 a.m. EDT. Join via the [Meeting Dashboard](#).



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WHILE VISITING MONTREAL

Mount-Royal:

- Kondiaronk Belvedere (Mont-Royal): Mont-Royal has a viewing platform that overlooks the entire city. It's about a 26-minute [hike](#). The stairs and the trails are well-maintained, so I'd describe it as a moderate level of effort. It's also possible to drive to the lookout.
- Beaver Lake: suitable for a picnic.

Near the venue:

- Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (10 mins walk): It is the largest art museum in Canada in terms of gallery space.
- Place des Festivals – Francos festival: Fri, Jun 14, 2024 – Sat, Jun 22, 2024 (12 mins walk): Les Francos de Montréal is a large annual music and performance festival held in Downtown Montreal, Quebec, featuring French-language performers from all over the world. Many of the performances are accessible to the public and held on various stages in and around the Place des Arts.
- La Ronde: An amusement park part of Jean-Drapeau Park (a large park in Montreal). They have group ticketing. Open from 10-6 on weekdays (Friday from 10-8). It is a short 35-minute walk and metro from Centre Mont-Royal.
- Barbie Expo: There is a large, [free exhibit](#) of Barbie dolls. Visit at your leisure, as it is a 4-minute walk from Centre Mont-Royal and doesn't take long to see.

Old Port:

- Sightseeing: The [Old Port](#) is a heritage area along the St. Lawrence that is good to walk around and has many activities. It's about 30-40 minutes from Centre Mont-Royal, depending on where you walk.
- Notre-Dame Basilica: This large cathedral in downtown Montreal is interesting to see. It costs [\\$16 to walk](#) through from 9:30-4:30 on weekdays. They also have an evening light show called the [Aura Experience](#). It runs at 6 and 8 pm every night (\$35). It's about a 30-minute walk from the Centre-Mont Royal.
- Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History: This is an excellent museum to learn about Montreal's history. Note that there's a promotion (15% off for a guided tour of Old Montreal if you buy tickets for the museum) - [Promotions - POINTE-À-CALLIÈRE \(pacmusee.qc.ca\)](#)
- Jet Boating: [Jet Boat tours](#) go through rapids on the St. Lawrence. They do group bookings (it looks to be about \$63 plus tax). You can also book a [sightseeing tour](#) that shows the city without going through rapids—access tours from the Old Port.

Olympic Park area:

- Further away, the site of the 1976 Olympics has several activities, including a [botanical garden](#), [biodome](#), [insectarium](#), and [planetarium](#)—20 minutes from Centre Mont-Royal on the metro. There is also a big park nearby (Maisonneuve Park) that is ideal for picnics.

Thank you to our conference sponsors for making this event possible!