



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

PUBLIC HEARING GUIDELINES FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

Public Hearings are included as part of a Regular Council agenda and governed by the provisions of the *Local Government Act*.

A Public Hearing is held to allow the public an opportunity to make representations to Council – in person at the Public Hearing or by written submission – on a proposed amendment to the City's Official Community Plan and/or Zoning Bylaw. All persons who believe their interest in property is affected by a proposed bylaw(s) are afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard, voice concerns or present written submissions regarding matters contained within the bylaw(s).

All written submissions and representations made at the Public Hearing form part of the official public record. Minutes of the Public Hearing and a video recording of the proceedings will be posted on the City's website at cnv.org.

All written submissions must include the person's name and address. If this information is not provided, it cannot be included as part of the public record. Electronic submissions are preferred, and hand-delivered or mailed submissions will also be accepted. The deadline to submit email submissions is 12:00 noon on the day of the Public Hearing. Due to COVID-19, safety quarantine restrictions have been put in place and the deadline for submissions by mail or delivery to City Hall is 4:00 pm on the Friday prior to the Monday Public Hearing (a minimum of one clear day prior to the Public Hearing).

If persons wish to speak at the Public Hearing, pre-registration is required. The pre-registration form is available on the City's website or speakers can pre-register by contacting the City Clerk's Office. All pre-registrations must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the Public Hearing, to allow City staff to contact all participants and provide them with call-in/online access instructions.

Comments from the public must specifically be related to the proposed bylaw(s). Speakers are asked to avoid repetitive comments and not to divert to other matters.

Speakers will be asked to confirm their name and address for the record and will be provided one, 5-minute opportunity to present their comments. There will be no opportunity to speak a second time. After all persons who have pre-registered have spoken, the Chair (Mayor) will ask if anyone else from the public has new information to provide. Those persons are asked to phone 604-990-4230 and a Clerk's staff member will provide instructions on how to call into the meeting to add comments.

Everyone shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard and no one should feel discouraged or prevented from making their views known. The City asks for everyone's patience during the electronic Public Hearing.

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Procedural rules for the conduct of the Public Hearing are set at the call of the Chair and Council's main function is to listen to the views of the public regarding the change of land use in the proposed bylaw(s). It is not the function of Council to debate the merits of an application with speakers. Questions from members of the public and Council must be addressed through the Chair.

Once the Public Hearing concludes, no further information or submissions can be considered by Council.

Following adjournment of the Public Hearing, the Regular meeting reconvenes and the Zoning and/or Official Community Plan bylaw amendment(s) are discussed and debated by members of Council, followed by consideration of third reading of the bylaw(s).