

GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF N.W.T. WATER BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS

It is in the interest of all parties that Public Hearings be conducted as efficiently as possible. It is with this in mind that the Water Board has established the following guidelines for the conduct of its Public Hearings.

1. The Applicant shall deliver copies of its written presentation to the Water Board at its earliest possible date in order that the Board, and all interested parties, may have the opportunity to review and/or make comments and/or prepare interventions on.
2. Parties who plan to make formal interventions at the Public Hearing shall deliver copies of their written intervention to the Applicant and the Water Board at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the Public Hearing. The Board will forward these to the Applicant for review.
3. Hearings will commence punctually at the advertised time. The normal sitting hours for each Hearing will be advised by the Chairman at the beginning of the Hearing.
4. The Public Hearing will normally be conducted as follows:
 - a) The Applicant will make its presentation;
 - b) The Applicant will be subjected to questioning concerning its presentation;
 - c) Intervenors with formal interventions will make their presentations;
 - d) Individuals wishing to make verbal presentations will do so;
 - e) The Hearing is open for final questioning of the Applicant and the intervenors; and
 - f) The Applicant will make a brief closing statement.
5. Persons wishing to ask questions are requested to raise their hand and identify themselves to the Chairman. The Chairman reserves the right to refuse a person the opportunity to ask a question.
 - a) The question has already been answered;
 - b) The question is not pertinent to the application being heard; and/or
 - c) The question is too vague.
6. Translations services will only be provided if the Applicant or and intervenor so requests at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the Hearing.
7. Intoxicated persons will not be allowed to participate in Public Hearings.