Calgary



Public Hearing Council Meetings

Tips on how to participate as a member of the public

1. What

Public Hearings are formal meetings of Council that give the public an opportunity to voice their concerns or support on matters being considered by Council.

Some of these matters include land use and planning, bylaws, budget, and City projects.



2. Why

Public Hearings allow the public to share their opinions about matters affecting them before City Council votes on a decision.

Listening to the public assists Council to make more informed decisions on important matters that affect the city of Calgary.

Public Hearings are also a requirement of the Municipal Government Act (MGA, RSA 2000 c. M-26).



3. When

Public Hearing Council Meetings are scheduled once per month and start at 9:30 a.m. For exact dates, please visit the **Council and Committee** Calendar.

Public Hearing Council Meetings are broadcast live on Council and Committee Webcasts.



4. Where

In-person:

Council Chamber Municipal Complex, 2nd floor 800 Macleod Trail S.E. Calgary, AB T2G 2M3 (unless otherwise noted)



Remote: Phone number and code will be provided upon participant registration.

5. Opportunities

Public Hearing opportunities are advertised online at: Council and Committee Agendas. Public Hearing opportunities may also be communicated through:

A. City social media channels.



B. Letters, e-mails, and social media posts from Councilors, Committees, organizations, and interest groups.



C. Land use items are published online (Public Hearing) on Planning Matters); Development Map (DMap), development notices are placed on affected sites; and notice letters are sent by mail to affected residents.



6. Registration

Register to speak (either inperson or remote) - complete and submit the online **Public** Submission Form. Instructions on how to speak will be provided after registration.

Submit a comment - complete and submit your comment on the online **Public Submission** Form.

7. Participation

You can participate by:



A. Speaking during the meeting;



B. Speaking remotely by phone during the meeting;



C. Providing written comments via the online **Public Submission** Form.

8. Preparation

Your presentation should outline your position on the topic, stating your support or opposition for the matter.

Speakers have a maximum of five minutes to address Council, and this time cannot be transferred to another speaker.

Speakers may supplement their presentation with audiovisual or written materials. Note: Audio-visual materials must be submitted no later 12:00 p.m. (noon), eight days before the meeting.

6. Meeting flow

City staff (Administration) introduces the item



Chair calls speakers in order:

- a. the development proponent or applicant,
- b. those in favour,
- c. those against.

City Council may ask questions



City Council debates the item

City

Council votes on the item

For more information, please visit the Public Hearing webpage or contact the City Clerk's Office at publicsubmissions@calgary.ca