

# PUBLIC HEARING

## QUICK GUIDE



### CAN I ATTEND A PUBLIC HEARING?

Public hearings are held in accordance with the County's Procedural Bylaw. Designed to be inclusive and transparent, public hearings allow everyone who wishes to participate the right to hear and view the discussions. We value open dialogue and encourage all individuals to express their views, whether for or against the subject matter.

### HOW CAN I ATTEND?

#### **Attend in Person**

Residents are welcome to attend hearings in person, to simply observe or to provide input.

#### **Attend Virtually**

Hearings can be observed on the County YouTube channel, however this method does not enable you to address Council and speak for or against the subject matter.

### WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

The Reeve will open the public hearing and ask administration to introduce the subject matter.

The Reeve will then inquire whether anyone present wishes to speak.

If you wish to speak, please provide your name and whether you wish to speak for, in opposition to, or to make general comments.

The Reeve will call your name when it is your turn to speak. Note that a maximum of 10 minutes is allowed for comments.

Council may ask questions after your presentation.

Once everyone has spoken, the Reeve will close the public hearing and continue with the Council Meeting.

### HOW CAN I PROVIDE INPUT?

#### **Written Input**

Written submissions are accepted in **advance** of the meeting. Please send them using the instructions in the Hearing Notice and by the deadline specified.

Please note, if you submit written comments, the information you provide will be made public, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

#### **Verbal Input**

Anyone is welcome to speak at a public hearing. To facilitate the smooth running of the meeting, we kindly request those intending to speak to register in advance by contacting the provided email or calling our office at 780-663-3730. This will assist in making adjustments, including potential venue changes, if there's substantial interest.

*If you have any questions regarding the public hearing process, please contact the office at 780-663-3730*