



## PUBLIC HEARINGS

The *Local Government Act* requires that a Public Hearing be held before Council adopts an amendment to the Zoning Regulation Bylaw or Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw.

### **How to Participate:**

- **Submit written comments:**  
You can provide your submission by email to [cao@villageofslocan.ca](mailto:cao@villageofslocan.ca), or by mail (send to PO Box 50, Slocan BC, V0G 2C0), or by hand delivery to the Village Office (503 Slocan Street, Slocan). Written submissions received will be recorded into the official record of the Public Hearing and are available to the public for viewing.
- **Attend in Person (or electronically, if applicable):**  
At a Public Hearing, all persons who consider their interest in property affected by a proposed Zoning or OCP Bylaw amendment will be given an opportunity to present their views to Council verbally. It is requested that speakers keep their comments to the subject of the proposed rezoning.
  - State your name and address and the item you are speaking to;
  - Your comments must be relevant to the item being considered at the Public Hearing;
  - Please limit your presentation to 5 minutes.

### **Process:**

- At the Public Hearing, Council will not debate the merits of the proposed bylaw nor enter into dialogue with the public. There is no opportunity at the hearing to debate points-of-view expressed by other members of the public.
- Presentations or submissions must be received by Council before the Public Hearing by the specified date. When the Public Hearing is closed, Council is not permitted to receive or consider any further submissions.
- After the Public Hearing, Council will discuss, express opinions and vote on the third reading and adoption of the proposed bylaw amendments. If Council does not support the bylaw at third reading, the bylaw may be defeated or Council may postpone its decision until further information is received from staff. Council may only receive information from staff and the information may only address issues raised at the Public Hearing.

- It is important to note and understand that Council has not made up its mind on the issue at the time of the Public Hearing. While a Council member may have a position on an issue, they each come to the Public Hearing with an open mind, to listen to and hear from the public. You are being given the opportunity for Council to hear your views and opinions on the application.

**Privacy:**

Please note that the opinions you express orally and any presentations you submit to the Village of Slocan will be recorded to form a part of the public record. The Village considers your address relevant to this matter and will disclose this personal information as it informs Council's consideration of your opinion in relation to the subject property, and is authorized under section 26(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA). Your phone number and email will not be disclosed. For more information on the FOIPPA, please visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/services-for-government/policies-procedures/foipppa-manual>

*Slocan Council is committed to ensuring that all people who speak at a Public Hearing are treated in a fair and respectful manner. No form of discrimination is acceptable or tolerated. This includes discrimination because of race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or economic status. The Council Chamber, whether it be in person or virtual, is a place where all human rights are respected and where we all take responsibility to create a safe, inclusive environment for everyone to participate.*