



Guidelines for Media at Public Hearings

Media conduct during the session

The MVLWB respectfully requests that all media personnel observe the following courtesies:

- Media are requested to sign in at the hearing and to ask staff on site about designated equipment setup areas.
- Do not set up or operate your equipment too close to the front of the hearing venue. This could distract Board Members, staff, and other hearing participants.
- Do not use the front seats for the audience if there are many elders present who may want to sit up close.
- Be prepared to bring all of your own equipment and power supplies.

Requesting an interview

During the hearing, staff and Board Members, (including the Chairperson) are not available for interviews. The Chairperson and Board Members do not comment on matters before the Board throughout the file's proceedings.

Any interview requests with staff must be granted formally by the Board, and will likely take place a few days after the hearing has ended. Further, the designated spokesperson for a particular file will only comment on the hearing *process*. Please request your interview in advance to allow the MVLWB spokespersons to coordinate their availability with your deadline.

MVLWB decisions, submissions made by other parties, or any other evidence must speak for themselves. The staff cannot interpret or explain any information that is on the public record. All the evidence is available on the MVLWB's public registry, which is accessible through the MVLWB website. If you would like to gain a better understanding of the information on the public record, please contact the groups or individuals or outside expert who submitted the particular document(s).

You are encouraged to speak to the individuals or groups involved in the hearing for their perspectives. It is advisable to make sure they have had a chance to read the document(s) before soliciting their comments.

If you would like to set up an interview or are looking for more information, contact *Shannon Ward* at sward@mvlwb.com or at 766-7458 at the MVLWB.



Information sources

The primary source of information for all matters before the Board is the MVLWB Public Registry: <http://www.mvlwb.ca/mv/registry.aspx>. The Registry contains all the evidence the Board has on file. We encourage you to contact the developer of the project and to visit its website to get other details about the WL under review. MVLWB staff can only give you a cursory overview of the project. The developer is the best one to describe its own project.

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