

Related to Community Hearings (CH)

1. Do I have to pre-register?
 - No. Pre-registration is not required for community hearings, but it does help Panel staff plan for the hearing.
2. Do I have to register?
 - People or organizations must register with the Panel Manager at the beginning of the community hearing at which they want to speak. This can be done on the same day as the hearing.
3. Do I have to tell anyone what I want to speak about or submit something in writing?
 - It is helpful to the Panel if you contact the Panel Manager in advance and advise her about what you want to speak about. She may be able to direct you to the type of hearing at which your presentation would best be made.
 - Written submissions are not required at community hearings, but would be welcomed by the Panel. They will be placed on the Public Registry. 15 copies would be appreciated. Also, if you have speaking notes it would be helpful if you provided them to the translators before you speak.
4. Do I have to provide my name?
 - Yes. This will be needed for the record. You will need to say your name and spell it for the transcripts.
5. Who can I contact for more information?
 - You can contact the staff at the Joint Review Panel office in Inuvik, the Panel Manager, or the Northern Gas Project Secretariat in Inuvik or Yellowknife. See contact information at the end of this document.
6. Who should I send my written submission and/or presentation to?
 - Please send it to the staff at the Joint Review Panel office in Inuvik. See contact information at the end of this document.
7. How long will I have to say what I want to say?
 - At community hearings each person will have up to 15 minutes to make their presentation. Additional time may be provided but that will be a decision of the Panel Chair. Keep in mind the Panel wants to hear from as many people as possible.
8. Can I just show up and say what I need to say on the day of the hearing?
 - Yes. You can appear the day of the community hearing and register with the Panel Manager when you arrive. However, it would be helpful for planning and organizing the community hearing if you contact the Panel Manager before the community hearing you plan to attend.



9. If I don't feel comfortable speaking in public, can I present my comments in writing?
 - Anyone can submit written comments. Those written comments will be placed on the Public Registry as long as the document includes the name of the person filing the document and the name of the community in which they reside.
 - Written comments must either be mailed to the Panel office in Inuvik or given to the Panel Manager/Regulatory Officer during the course of the hearing in your community.

10. Will Interveners be allowed to attend Community Hearings if they are not residents of the community?
 - All hearings are open to the public.
 - The opportunity to make a presentation and to ask questions at a Community Hearing, however, will be reserved primarily for residents of the community.

11. If an Intervener/organization's representative has expertise but is not making a presentation, will that person/organization be asked to provide answers to questions?
 - All questions must be asked through the Panel Chair. The Panel Chair will decide who the question should be directed to for a response.
 - At the discretion of the Chair, an Intervener/organization's representative may be asked to provide an answer during a hearing.

12. Who will speak first at the community hearing?
 - The Joint Review Panel Chair will provide opening remarks. This will be followed by a short presentation by the Proponent. The focus of the presentation will be on the proposed project's activities and the predicted impacts in relation to that particular community. A question period will follow the Proponent's presentation. Next will be presentations by community members who have notified the Panel Manager that they wish to make a presentation. An opportunity to ask questions will follow each presentation. Finally, if time remains, there will then be an opportunity for others who wish to address the Panel.
 - The Chair reserves the right to give priority to persons appearing before the Joint Review Panel for the first time.