



Question & Answer Period 6:45 pm to 7:00 pm

PROCEDURE

The Question and Answer Period provides the public access to Council in order to obtain information regarding the business of the Corporation. The Question and Answer Period will be held in Council Chamber during the 15 minutes prior to the start of the Regular Evening Session of Council (between 6:45 pm and 7:00 pm). The following protocol applies to the Question and Answer Period.

PROTOCOL

1. A questioner must be a property owner, resident of the municipality and/or a person who is deemed to be directly affected by the matter to be addressed.
2. Persons wishing to ask a question must register to do so. Opportunity to register will be available at the Municipal Hall on the day of the meeting from 3:00 pm until 6:30 pm.
3. Registration will not be carried forward from meeting to meeting. Persons that have registered but not addressed their question to Council at the end of Question & Answer Period, will be advised to return to the next Regular Meeting and re-register, or may submit their questions for subsequent written response.
4. Questioners must submit their questions in writing to the Clerk in advance of speaking. Forms will be provided by the Clerk for this purpose, at the time of registration.
5. Questioners must respect the need for Question Period to proceed in a timely fashion and must proceed according to these guidelines:
 - a. address the Presiding Officer when speaking;
 - b. state their name and residential address, prior to presenting their question to Council;
 - c. speak clearly and concisely into the microphone at the "Speakers Podium", when and where one is available; and
 - d. agree to speak for not more than three minutes and to speak only once during the meeting (unless invited by Council to extend the discussion).
6. Questioners are required to ask a question and are not permitted to make a speech. A questioner will be ruled out of order if speaking to matters of current litigation or legal action against the Corporation of Delta. A questioner making political statements, using rude and/or obscene language or defamatory comments or speaking about a bylaw from a closed public hearing will also be ruled out of order.
7. Council reserves the right to defer responding to a question in order to obtain the information required to provide a complete and accurate response.