

THE MUNICIPAL BOARD OF MANITOBA

Procedure at Development Permit Appeal Hearings – The Planning Act, s. 149.2(1) and (2)

1. The Municipal Board (the “Board”) is a quasi-judicial administrative tribunal whose members are appointed by Order-in-Council.
2. Hearings before the Board are open to the public. The hearing before the Board is a *de novo* or fresh hearing. It is separate and distinct from previous public hearings on the matter. It is not a debate or town hall meeting.
3. A party must, at least ten (10) working days prior to the hearing of an appeal:
 - (a) file four (4) copies of the written materials with the Board; and
 - (b) serve one (1) copy of the written materials it intends to rely upon to each of the other parties as follows:
 - one (1) copy to the applicant;
 - one (1) copy to the decision-making authority (board of a planning district or council of the municipality);
 - one (1) copy to the municipality;
 - one (1) copy to the government department or agency (if applicable).
4. Any person who wishes to make a representation on the matter may make an oral and/or written submission to the Board. The Board requires that four (4) copies of the written submission be filed with the Board and one (1) copy with the municipality or the planning district (as applicable) for public viewing, at least ten (10) working days prior to the hearing, failing which copies of the written submission must be provided to the Board and the parties at the hearing.
5. Toute personne souhaitant obtenir des services en français doit en aviser le bureau de la Commission municipale du Manitoba au plus tard 15 jours avant la tenue de l’audience.
 - (If you wish to have service provided in French, please notify our office fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing).
6. On the day of the hearing, the Hearing Officer will ask for and confirm the names and contact information of persons wishing to make a representation.
7. The hearing will begin with the Hearing Officer announcing the matter to be heard. Hearings are recorded but transcripts are not prepared. You may contact the office for further information.
8. Although a quorum of the Board is two, the Board typically sits as a panel of three, one of whom acts as the Chair. The Chair will introduce the panel members and explain how the hearing will proceed. Questions about the proceedings may be asked at this time.

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9. All evidence given at the hearing will be given under oath or affirmation.
10. The Board requires all in attendance at the hearing to conduct themselves in a respectful manner, to take their turn, and not to interrupt the proceedings.
11. Each of the following parties, the applicant, decision-making authority, municipality and government department or agency (if applicable), will have an opportunity to make a presentation and call witnesses. The other parties will have an opportunity to cross-examine the evidence presented. The Board may also question a party or witness on the evidence presented.
12. The Board will then hear submissions from any person who wishes to make a representation on the matter. Once the submission is complete, the parties and the Board may question the person on their submission.
13. The Board reserves the right to set time limits for presentations and submissions.
14. Following the completion of all presentations, each party will have an opportunity to present closing submissions.
15. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Chair will adjourn the proceedings. The panel will consider all of the evidence and make its decision within the timelines as outlined in *The Planning Act*. A copy of the written Decision and Order, with supporting reasons, will be sent to the applicant, the decision-making authority, the municipality, the Minister, the government department or agency (if applicable), and every person who made a representation at the hearing and/or filed a written submission.
16. The Board will not accept any information or evidence after the hearing has been adjourned.
17. The Board has final discretion in the manner in which the hearing is conducted. The Board may in its discretion dispense with, vary or amend these procedures.

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