CITY OF SURREY

Explore this guide for ways to engage in local government and help shape your city.



Public Delegations

- You may request to appear as a delegation if you wish to speak at a live council or committee meeting. Visit the Delegations – Appearing Before Mayor & Council webpage for information.
- Individuals or groups must submit a request to the City Clerk's Office using the online form or by email or mail.
- Speakers have 10 minutes to present, which also includes a question-and-answer period from mayor and council.



Speaking on a Member Motion

- According to the Surrey Clerk's Office, members of the public can only speak on public hearing items, make a delegation request, or write to council. The only way to directly speak to council is through a delegation request.
- It is unusual for someone to speak directly to a member motion and better to submit the delegation request and see if it gets approved.



Community Advisory Committees

- There are committees, commissions, and boards with different combinations of citizens, local experts or special interest representatives, city staff, and members of council. Visit the Committees, Commissions & Boards webpage for more information.
- List of committees, commissions, and boards: Advisory Design Panel; Agricultural and Food Policy Committee; Arts and Culture Advisory Committee; Audit Committee; Board of Variance; Environment and Climate Change Committee; Finance Committee; Investment, Innovation and Business Committee; Healthier Communities Partnership; Livability and Social Equity Committee; Measuring Up Working Group; Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel; Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee; Public Safety Committee; Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission; Surrey Police Board; Surrey Public Library Board.
- Membership terms, appointment lengths, and opportunities for renewal vary from committee to
- Visit the Join a Committee, Commission or Board webpage for application information and eligibility requirements.



- If you believe you will be affected by a proposed zoning bylaw, you may present your views to council. Visit the <u>Public Hearings webpage</u> for information.
- You may submit written comments ahead of the meeting using the online form.
- You may attend in person or online, with the option to register to speak to an item in person.
 The registration form is open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on the day of a hearing. Speakers have 3 minutes to present.

Engagement Opportunities

- <u>Engage Surrey</u>: Surrey's online public engagement hub. Learn about city projects and provide feedback. See the Public Engagement webpage for more information.
- CitySpeaks: Register to receive email invitations to take online surveys.
- Youth Engagement: Webpage dedicated to youth programs and ways to get involved with the city and council.
- <u>Action Items</u>: Webpage with draft summaries of the most recent council meetings.

Official Community Plan (OCP)

- City of Surrey has an Official Community Plan that lays out strategic objectives and visions for the city.
- Visit the <u>Official Community Plan webpage</u> for information and learn their priorities for the coming years.

Please note that all the information in this resource is subject to change as each city updates their plans, processes, and strategies. The information provided is up to date as of March 2024.

