

## **Electronic Hearing Procedures &**

### **How to Get Involved in a Town of Pelham Zoom Hearing**

All Town of Pelham in person Committee of Adjustment hearings have been cancelled, instead the Town is holding all Committee of Adjustment hearings electronically via Zoom.

#### **Notice of Hearing**

A Notice of Hearing will be mailed to the all persons listed as owners in the last revised assessment roll number within 60 meters (200 feet) of the subject property. The Notice of Hearing can also be found at the Town of Pelham website for all applications being heard by electronic meetings: <https://www.pelham.ca/en/town-hall/committee-of-adjustment.aspx>

#### **How to Submit Comments**

Public input on applications is invited. During this time, written comments are encouraged as the preferred method of receiving public input. Written comments may be sent by mail or e-mail to the attention of the Secretary Treasurer. You may also drop written comments off at Town Hall in the drop box. You may also provide verbal input live at the hearing by pre-registering with the Secretary Treasurer.

#### **Written Comments**

Please provide written input by mailing or e-mailing your comments to the Secretary Treasurer by the date indicated on the Notice of Hearing. You may also drop off written comments to Town Hall in the drop box.

#### **Verbal Submissions**

To participate in the remote electronic public meeting to provide verbal input, please pre-register with the Secretary Treasurer by telephone or email by the date indicated on the Notice of Hearing.

Please note, the Secretary Treasurer will provide you the Zoom link and password in advance of the meeting. This is for pre-registered participants only and is not to be shared with others. Zoom test meetings are available by request. Please advise the Secretary Treasurer of your requirements at the time of registration.

#### **View the Meeting – E-mail Comments Live**

The remote electronic meeting can be viewed by live-streamed on the Town's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TownOfPelham/live>. While viewing the meeting live you may submit comments during your application of interest to: [clerks@pelham.ca](mailto:clerks@pelham.ca). Please note, if your comments are submitted after the public portion of the application you are interested in has been closed, your comments will not be considered. This method of public participation is not the preferred method as you may not submit your comments in time. Use this method at your own risk and the Town is not responsible for any livestream lag, disconnection or internet failures.

#### **More Information**

For more information please contact:

Secretary Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment  
20 Pelham Town Square, P.O. Box 400, Fonthill ON L0S 1C0  
905-892-2607 ext. 315 [hwillford@pelham.ca](mailto:hwillford@pelham.ca)

Assistant Secretary Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment  
20 Pelham Town Square, P.O. Box 400, Fonthill ON L0S 1C0  
905-892-2607 ext. 320 [sleach@pelham.ca](mailto:sleach@pelham.ca)

For technical questions, please contact:

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905-892-2607 ext. 324 [aedwards@pelham.ca](mailto:aedwards@pelham.ca)

### **Participant Process During Meetings**

- Participants are required to join the meeting 15 minutes in advance of the start time for the Hearing.
- Participants are responsible for ensuring their background is free from offensive or vulgar material. If inappropriate material is visible you will be removed from the meeting.
- Vulgar or offensive language / comments will not be tolerated. If inappropriate language is used you will be removed from the meeting.
- Participants' will remain in the waiting room until they are called to speak.
- Once your comments have been heard by the Committee of Adjustment, you will be placed back into the waiting room. Once voting on the item has taken place, participants will be removed from the meeting completely.
- Once removed from the Hearing, you can visit the Town's YouTube if you wish to continue watching the meeting.

### **Technical Difficulties During Hearings**

- Beyond the available Zoom test session, Town staff will **not** provide technical assistance for participants before or during Hearings.
- If a participant's connection to the meeting fails during the Hearing, Town Staff will attempt to make reasonable efforts to re-establish connection for a period of 5 minutes. If the connection cannot be re-established within 5 minutes, the comments received up to that point will be included as part of the official record and the hearing will continue.
- If a participant is not present when called upon by the Chair three times, the participant will be considered absent and the hearing will continue without the participant.
- If, in the Chair's opinion, a participant's audio/ video is not of an acceptable quality, the Chair may require the participant to use the dial-in option.