



South Granville Water and Sewer Authority (SGWASA)
Public Comment Procedures

The members of the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority (SGWASA) are committed to allowing members of the public an opportunity to offer comments and suggestions regarding efficient and effective administration of the regional utility. In addition to public hearings, a special time is set aside for the purpose of receiving such comments and suggestions. All comments addressed to the SGWASA members (the “Board”) during the Public Comment period shall be subject to the following procedures:

1. Public Comments - General:

- a. The Public Comment period will be held at the beginning of the Board meeting. The comment period will be limited to a maximum of thirty (30) minutes. Based on the total number of Public Comments - Request to Speak Information Cards submitted, the Board may agree by majority vote to extend the Public Comment period or hold an additional Public Comment period at the end of the Board meeting.
- b. Public Comment speakers should not expect Board action, deliberation, and/or comment on subject matter brought up during the Public Comment section unless and until it has been scheduled as an item on a future meeting Agenda.
- c. Public Comment is not intended to require the Board to answer any impromptu questions. Speakers will address all comments to the Board as a whole.
- d. Discussions between speaker and members of the audience are not allowed.
- e. Action on items brought up during the Public Comment period will be at the discretion of the Board.
- f. Speakers must be respectful and courteous in their remarks and must refrain from personal attacks or accusations, the use of profanity, and inappropriate gestures.
- g. Only one speaker will be acknowledged at a time. If the time runs out before all persons who have signed up have an opportunity speak, those names will be carried over to the next Public Comment period.
- h. Any applause will be held until the end of the Public Comment period.
- i. Speakers who have prepared written remarks or supporting documents shall leave a copy of such remarks and documents with the Board Secretary.
- j. Speakers shall not discuss matters concerning the candidacy of any person seeking public office, including the candidacy of the person addressing the Board, except to the extent that the comments directly address issues pertinent to SGWASA.
- k. Comments must relate to matters that are within the authority or jurisdiction of the Board.
- l. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate SGWASA official, Board Committee or agency, and may, if in order, be scheduled for a future meeting Agenda.

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- m. The Board requests that complaints relative to specific SGWASA employees be directed to the Executive Director, other than at a Board meeting. Individual personnel issues are confidential by law and will not be discussed by the Board in open session.

2. Public Comments - Procedures:

- a. Persons who wish to address the Board during the Public Comment period shall complete a Public Comments-Request to Speak Information Card prior to the start of the Board Meeting. Public Comments – Request to Speak Information cards will be available thirty minutes before the start of the meeting.
- b. On the Public Comments – Request to Speak Information card, speaker shall provide their contact information (full name, full address, email, and telephone number) and the topic of their comments.
- c. Speakers will be called to the podium by the Board Chair when it is their turn to speak. Speakers will address the Board from the podium at the front of the room and begin their remarks by stating their full name and address for the record.
- d. Each speaker will have **three (3) minutes** to make remarks and will only be entitled to the time allotted.
- e. Those persons who desire to submit their public comments to the Board without directly addressing the Board during the Public Comment period may do so, yet they shall provide a legible document to the Board Secretary by 3:00 pm on the day of the Board Meeting. The legible document shall include their contact information (full name, full address, email, and telephone number) and the topic of their comments. The public comments will not be read aloud during the Board Meeting, yet they will be attached to the record copy of the meeting minutes.